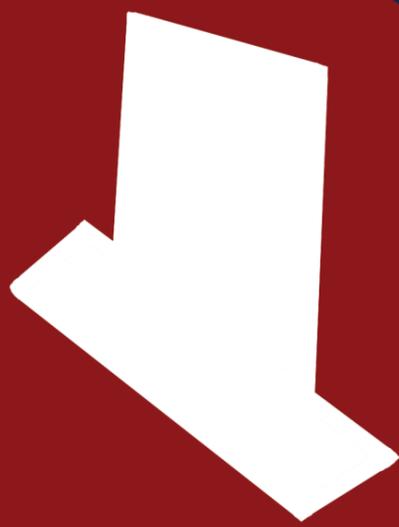


The Saratoga Sun's
**2020 General
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- *Susan B. Anthony***

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General Election Section Overview

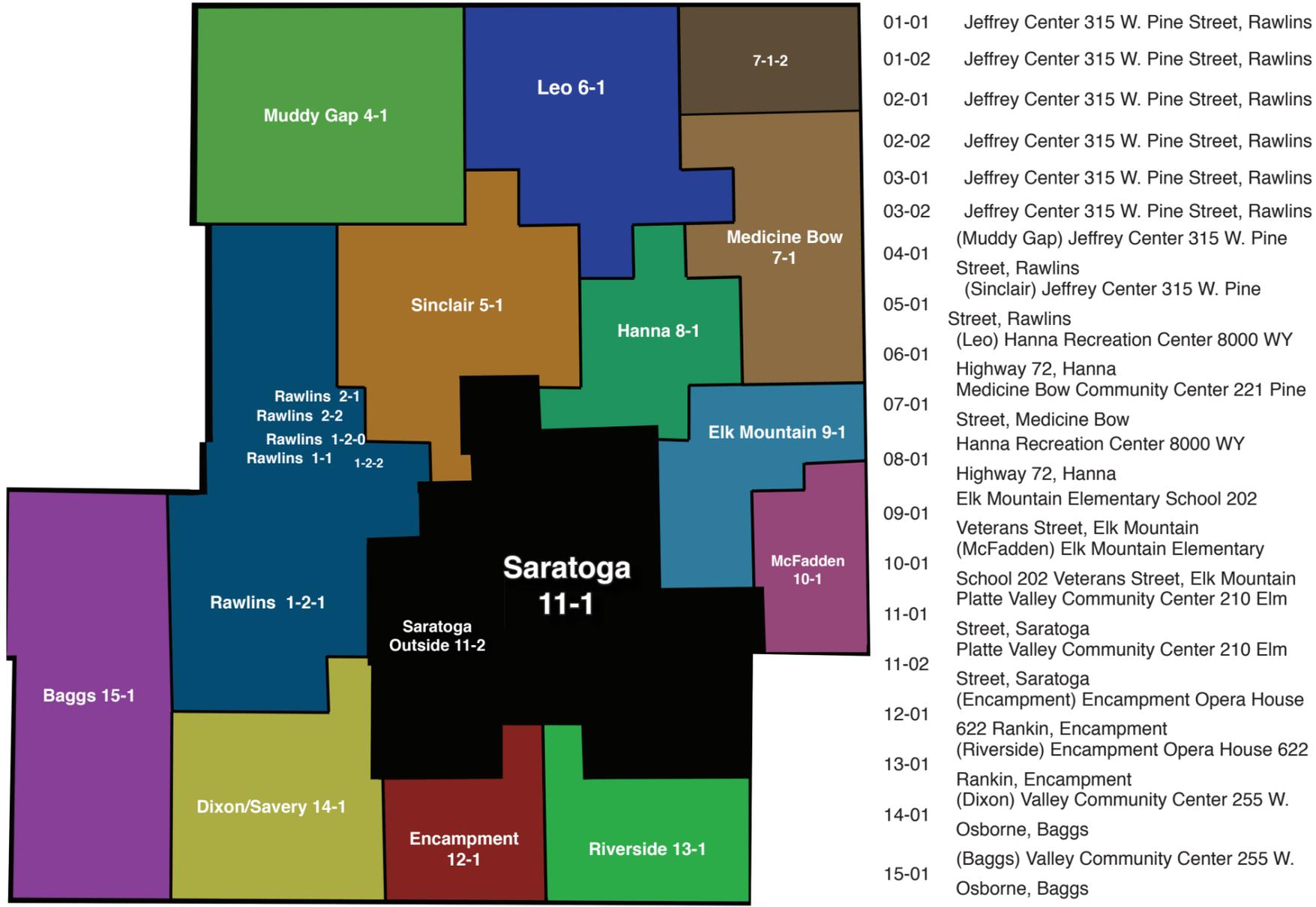
Candidates for each office are listed alphabetically by last name.*

The Saratoga Sun emailed questions to each candidate. Separate groups of questions were used for each office sought.

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

*Except where formatting supersedes alphabetization

Polling Sites



The Saratoga Sun reminds ALL eligible voters who have not already cast a vote to go to the polls on November 3. Polls are open from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. Wyoming allows for same-day in-person registration at polling places.

PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE WYOMING CONSTITUTION TO BE VOTED ON AT THE GENERAL ELECTION NOV. 3, 2020

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

A JOINT RESOLUTION proposing to amend the Wyoming Constitution to remove the specific limit on the amount of debt a municipality can incur for a sewer project and to allow the legislature to prescribe by law the debt limit for municipal sewer projects; and to provide a ballot statement.

Section 1. The following proposal to amend Wyoming Constitution, Article 16, Section 5 is proposed for submission to the electors of the State of Wyoming at the next general election for approval or rejection to become valid as a part of the Constitution if ratified by a majority of the electors at the election:

Article 16, Section 5. Limitation on municipal, county or school district debt.

No city or town shall in any manner create any indebtedness exceeding four per cent (4%) of the assessed value of the taxable property therein, except that ~~an additional indebtedness of four per cent (4%) of the assessed value of the taxable property therein may be created for sewage disposal systems as the legislature may by law prescribe.~~ Indebtedness created for supplying water to cities or towns is excepted from the limitation herein.

No county shall in any manner create any indebtedness exceeding two per cent (2%) of the taxable property therein.

No school district shall in any manner create any indebtedness exceeding ten per cent (10%) on the assessed value of the taxable property therein for the purpose of acquiring land, erection, enlarging and equipping of school buildings.

All limitations herein shall refer to the last preceding general assessment.

This amendment will remove the constitutionally specified limit on the amount of debt a municipality can create for sewer projects and would allow the legislature to prescribe by law the debt limit for municipal sewer projects.



2020 General Election

United States President

Joseph R. Biden and Kamala D. Harris (D)

Joseph Biden served as the United States Senator for Delaware from 1973 to 2009 before serving as the 47th Vice President from 2009 to 2017 under the 44th President, Barack Obama. Raised in Scranton, Pennsylvania, and New Castle County, Delaware, Biden studied at the University of Delaware before earning his law degree from Syracuse University in 1968. He was elected a New Castle County Councillor in 1970, and became the sixth-youngest senator in American history when he was elected to the U.S. Senate from Delaware in 1972. Biden was a longtime member of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, and eventually its chairman.

Biden was reelected to the Senate six times, and was the fourth-most senior senator when he resigned to serve as Barack Obama's vice president after they won the 2008 presidential election; Obama and Biden were reelected in 2012. As vice president, Biden oversaw infrastructure spending in 2009 to counteract the Great Recession. His negotiations with congressional Republicans helped pass legislation including the 2010 Tax Relief Act, which resolved a taxation deadlock; the Budget Control Act of 2011, which resolved a debt ceiling crisis; and the American Taxpayer Relief Act of 2012,

which addressed the impending "fiscal cliff". He also led efforts to pass the United States–Russia New START treaty, supported military intervention in Libya, and helped formulate U.S. policy toward Iraq through the withdrawal of U.S. troops in 2011. Following the Sandy Hook Elementary School shooting he led the Gun Violence Task Force. Biden did not seek the presidency in the 2016 election. In January 2017, Obama awarded Biden the Presidential Medal of Freedom with distinction. In April 2019, he announced his candidacy in the 2020 presidential election, and in June 2020 he reached the delegate threshold needed to secure the Democratic nomination. On August 11, he announced he had selected Senator Kamala Harris of California as his running mate.

Kamala Harris has served as the junior United States Senator for California since 2017. Born in Oakland, California, Harris graduated from Howard University and the University of California, Hastings College of the Law. She began her career in the Alameda County District Attorney's Office, before being recruited to the San Francisco District Attorney's Office and later the City Attorney of San

Francisco's office. In 2003, she was elected district attorney of San Francisco. She was elected attorney general of California in 2010 and re-elected in 2014. She defeated Loretta Sanchez in the 2016 Senate election to become the second African American woman and the first South Asian American to serve in the United States Senate. As a senator, she has advocated for healthcare reform, federal descheduling of cannabis, a path to citizenship for undocumented immigrants, the DREAM Act, a ban on assault weapons, and progressive tax reform. She gained a national profile for her pointed questioning of Trump administration officials during Senate hearings.

Harris ran for the 2020 Democratic presidential nomination and attracted national attention before ending her campaign on December 3, 2019. She was announced as former vice president Joe Biden's running mate in the 2020 election on August 11, 2020. She is the first African American, the first Asian American, and the third female vice presidential running mate on a major party ticket after Geraldine Ferraro and Sarah Palin, respectively.

Jo Jorgensen and Spike Cohen (L)

Jo Jorgensen is the Libertarian candidate for the United States President. She was, previously, the party's candidate for vice-president in the 1996 Presidential Election as the running mate of Harry Browne. She was also the Libertarian nominee for South Carolina's 4th congressional district in 1992. Jorgensen was born on May 1, 1957, in Libertyville, Illinois, and raised in neighboring Grayslake. She is an alumna of Grayslake Central High School.

Jorgensen received a bachelor of science degree in Psychology at Baylor University in 1979, and then a master's degree in business administration from Southern Methodist University in 1980. She began her career at IBM working with computer systems, leaving there to become part owner and President of Digitech, Inc. She received a Ph.D. in Industrial and Organizational Psychology from Clemson University

in 2002. She has taught full-time since 2006 as a Senior Lecturer in Psychology at Clemson. On May 23, 2020, Jorgensen became the official Libertarian presidential nominee, making her the first woman to become the Libertarian nominee and the only female 2020 presidential candidate with ballot access to over 270 electoral votes. Spike Cohen was nominated to be Jorgensen's vice president; Cohen is a mostly unknown figure in mainstream politics. That same day, Jorgensen's supporters repurposed Hillary Clinton's unofficial 2016 campaign slogan, "I'm With Her". The slogan trended on Twitter that night and made national headlines.

Jeremy "Spike" Cohen, along with being the Libertarian party's nominee for vice president, is a political activist, entrepreneur and podcaster.

Cohen was born in Baltimore, Maryland in 1982 and was raised as Messianic Jew.

Cohen ran as the proposed running mate of presidential candidate Vermin Supreme in the 2020 Libertarian presidential primaries, and was actively involved in campaigning.

On May 23, 2020, Supreme lost the Libertarian presidential nomination to Jo Jorgensen, but Cohen remained in the race for the party's vice presidential nomination. Jorgensen showed a preference for John Monds to be her running mate over Cohen and Ken Armstrong, but despite this, after three rounds of voting, Cohen defeated Monds with 533 delegate votes to Monds' 472. As the Libertarian Party's vice presidential nominee, Cohen became the first Jewish vice presidential nominee of a political party since Joe Lieberman in 2000.

Brock Pierce and Karla Ballard (C)

Brock Pierce is the Independent party's nominee for President in the 2020 General Election. Before becoming involved in cryptocurrency, Pierce was a child actor who starred as a young Gordan Bombay in Disney's "The Mighty Ducks" and "D2: The Mighty Ducks".

Pierce announced his candidacy for president on July 5, 2020 and filed with the Federal Election Commission on July 7, 2020.

In Casper, Wyoming, Pierce announced the Independent National Convention, to be held in Cheyenne, Wyoming on October 23-24, 2020. Pierce said the convention would include minor, third party candidates to share their message.

Pierce invited independent candidate Kanye West to attend the convention along with five other confirmed independent candidates. Pierce is the only independent candidate to appear on the Wyoming ballot.

Prior to joining the Brock Pierce for President campaign as a Vice Presidential candidate for the 2020 US election, Karla Ballard Williams served as Founder and CEO of YING, a peer to peer skill-sharing and global time-sharing platform (iOS / Android app) engaging members and organizations with a complimentary currency that provides community and individual benefits.

Karla is a current advisory board member of Blue Star Families, Co-Chair of Shareable, HashtagLunchBag, and USC's Next Gen Council for Stephen Spielberg's Shoah Foundation. She has been a visiting speaker at Harvard, UCLA and Georgetown University and is a former board member of the nation's second largest community college, Northern Virginia Community College. Karla is the co-founder of the first Urban League in the State of Delaware, The Metropolitan Wilmington Urban League. She served as the first female national president of the National Urban League Young Professionals.

Donald J. Trump and Michael J. Pence (R)

Donald J. Trump is the very definition of the American success story, setting the standards of excellence in his business endeavors, and now, for the United States of America.

A graduate of the Wharton School of Finance, President Trump has always dreamed big and pushed the boundaries of what is possible his entire career, devoting his life to building business, jobs and the American Dream. This was brought to life by a movement he inspired in the people of America when he announced his candidacy for President of the United States in June 2015.

This movement would ultimately lead to one of the most unique Presidential campaigns in history. Ever the leader, Trump followed no rule book and took his message, "Make America Great Again" directly to the people. Campaigning in historically democratic states and counties across the country, Trump was elected President in November 2016 in the largest electoral college landslide for a Republican in 28 years.

President Trump is working hard to implement his 'America First' platform, continuing his promise to the American people to lower taxes, repeal and replace Obamacare, end stifling regulations, protect our borders, keep jobs in our country, take care of our veterans, strengthen our military and law enforcement, and renegotiate bad trade deals, creating a government of, by and for the people. He is making America First, again, restoring our nation's faith, ushering in a bright, new future now and for generations to come.

Born in Columbus, Indiana, Mike Pence had a front row seat to the American Dream. A family of Irish immigrants, Vice President watched his grandparents and parents build everything that matters – a family, a business, and a good name. He was raised to believe in the importance of hard work, faith, and family.

After meeting the love of his life, Second Lady Karen Pence, and graduating law school, Vice President

Pence led the Indiana Policy Review Foundation and hosted a syndicated talk radio show focused on Indiana public affairs. Along the way, he became the proud father to three children.

In 2000, he launched a successful bid for his local congressional seat, entering the United States House of Representatives at the age of 40. After serving in Congress for 12 years, Vice President was elected the 50th Governor of Indiana in 2012. It was Indiana's success story, his record of legislative and executive experience, and his strong family values that prompted President Donald Trump to select Mike Pence as his running mate in July 2016. Since being elected on November 8, 2016, Vice President Mike Pence remains grateful for the grace of God, the love and support of his family, and the blessings of liberty that are every American's birthright. He looks forward to working with the American people as together they seek to Make America Great Again





2020 General Election

United States Senator

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Q. What do you believe is the most important issue facing Wyoming residents right now?

A. Improving rural healthcare and bringing new jobs to Wyoming are two of my top priorities. But as a general rule, I don't think it's a good idea to treat issues in silos - especially in the context of the crises we're facing right now.

We can't achieve a permanent reopening of our economy unless we get the coronavirus under control. Unless all Americans strictly adhere to public health guidelines like mask-wearing and social distancing, we'll continue to see surges in COVID-19 cases. That means thousands more coronavirus deaths and wave after wave of new economic shutdown. This creates massive economic uncertainty, which in turn dims investor confidence in new business ventures.

Q. The extraction industry has long been an economic boon for Wyoming, but that industry is currently struggling. Should Wyoming diversify its

economy? If so, how?

A. We must diversify the sectors Wyoming relies on. The fossil fuel industry is declining, and the foundation which it stands on is shaky. Demand has been shrinking for years, but coronavirus has caused it to plummet even more. We must diversify our energy industry by tapping into thorium, helium, and rare earth minerals instead of coal. We also must attract new, innovative industry to our state. To make that happen, I will invest in education to help our youth climb the economic ladder.

To learn more about my plan to rescue, reimagine, and rebuild Wyoming, go to bendavid2020.com/platform.

Q. An important issue for many Wyoming residents is access to public lands. What will you do to ensure that Wyomingites continue to have this access?

A. I'll do everything in my power to keep public lands in public hands. This includes making

sure that the Forest Service, the Bureau of Land Management, and the Fish and Wildlife Service are fully funded and properly managed.

I'll also work to pass bills like the America's Public Land Act, which would explicitly bar federal bureaucrats from selling off our precious public lands.

Q. A six year term is a long time. How do you plan on keeping in touch with your constituents during your term?

A. I can't be a good Senator if I'm not reaching out to you, listening to you, hearing your concerns. If you have a problem that needs solving, I want to know about it. If you've got an idea for a bill, I want to hear it. Unlike our current delegation, I will come home to our beautiful state often, and will always be accessible to constituents.

The more involved you are, the better. So come to my town halls! Write me letters. Call my office. Contact me on social media. I'll always want to know what's on your mind. I'll always listen, always advocate for you, always do everything I can to faithfully serve you. But you don't need to wait until after the election! Feel free to email me today at contact@bendavid2020.com.

Q. There has been much talk about how divided the country is at this moment. Please give an example in which you would reach across the aisle to work with the other party.

A. Many of my colleagues, and most of my students, are Republicans. It comes with the territory in Wyoming. I'm sure I'll have a productive relationship with Senator Barrasso as well. We will disagree on things, but we'll both be working for the people of Wyoming. One issue I am excited to collaborate across the aisle on is our domestic rare earth mineral industry. I would make sure that environmentally safe practices and respect for Indigenous communities whose land is impacted are included in those conversations. I know many of my future Republican colleagues appreciate the importance of rare earth minerals to our national security, and I am excited to discuss how Wyoming can lead.

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Q. What do you believe is the most important issue facing Wyoming residents right now?

A. In the wake of COVID-19, it is more important than ever that we work to get our economy back on track while ensuring the health and safety of Wyoming citizens. Key to this is enacting President Trump's 'America First' agenda which includes bringing the development and manufacturing of essential products back home. From medicine and technology to transportation and rare earth minerals, this pandemic has exposed a weakness in our supply chain we must address. Similarly, we must also take a hard look at our food supply chain and enact policies that will aid both producers and consumers. This includes allowing state-inspected plants to put meat in interstate commerce and supporting Country of Origin Labeling (COOL) for all food.

Q. The extraction industry has long been an economic boon for Wyoming, but that industry is currently struggling. Should Wyoming diversify its economy? If so, how?

A. While I think it is always important to look for ways to grow and diversify our economy, Wyoming will continue to be the energy state for decades to come. Be it coal, oil, natural gas, uranium or renewables, Wyoming has it all. As a result, we need to continue to support and promote policies that will help revitalize our energy sector. Wyoming must be ground zero for new energy technologies that can ensure a role for our natural resources long into the future. I support advancing the research and promotion of carbon capture technologies and coal-derived carbon products; implementing recommendations of the President's Nuclear Fuel Working Group to revitalize domestic uranium mining; enabling the export of Powder River Basin coal through western ports; and ensuring a fair and transparent regulatory framework that is responsive to industry.

Q. An important issue for many Wyoming residents is access to public lands. What will you do to ensure that Wyomingites continue to have this access?

A. I have long believed that government that governs closest, governs best. Wyoming citizens and Wyoming leaders know far better than bureaucrats in Washington how to manage their lands, resources and wildlife. As a result, I will always advocate for keeping Wyoming decisions in Wyoming hands.

A few of my top priorities for protecting public access and ensuring outdoor recreation opportunities include maintaining and improving public access to public lands for hunting, fishing, snowmobiling, hiking, biking, ATVing and water sports; selling or trading isolated federal inholdings surrounded by private land to acquire key propertities for expanding access to large blocks of public land; putting Wyoming in charge of Wyoming's wildlife; improving fish and wildlife habitat; building Wyoming's outdoor economy; and pushing for Common Sense Solutions for Chronic Wasting Disease (CWD).

Q. A six year term is a long time. How do you plan on keeping in touch with your constituents during your term?

A. During my time serving in the U.S. House of Representatives, as State Treasurer and as a State Legislator, I made it a top priority to connect with Wyoming citizens, community leaders, stakeholders and business owners on a regular basis. This meant holding meetings in Wyoming and Washington, DC, sending out regular updates via email, utilizing social media channels to communicate, hosting Teletown Halls and ensuring timely responses to questions submitted to my office. Should I be elected to serve as your next U.S. Senator, I will continue to make myself accessible and accountable to Wyoming



citizens.

Q. There has been much talk about how divided the country is at this moment. Please give an example in which you would reach across the aisle to work with the other party.

A. It's always a priority of mine to find solutions that put Wyoming people and businesses first and one way to do that is by forging relationships with those on the other side of the aisle. During my time in the House of Representatives, I worked (and co-sponsored legislation) with Democrats on the issues of public lands, tribal communities, and bringing transparency to federal agency and department budgets. Should I be elected, I will continue to work with Democrats on critical issues where we can find common ground. In addition, I plan to meet with every single U.S. Senator - Democrat, Republican or Independent - within my first two years in the U.S. Senate to find issue we can work together on.

2020 General Election

United States Representative

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Q. The political climate is polarized, but what would you say to all Wyomingites, no matter what party, to assure them that you represent their concerns?

A. I'm a proud constitutional conservative with a track record of championing free markets, restoring our liberties, securing our country, and defending our constitutional rights. I have worked with the President to cut burdensome red tape and onerous Obama-era environmental regulations and to defend our constitutional rights. I have been a tireless advocate for Wyoming families and our key industries, including ag, energy and tourism, working to protect us from one-size fits all policy handed down from Washington, DC. Today, we are facing many unprecedented challenges, and some in Congress who believe America should be a socialist nation. I will never let that happen, and I will work every day to stop those who want to take power away from individuals and give it to the federal government. Wyoming only has one seat in the US House and we must ensure we have the strongest voice possible representing us.

Q. What do you see the three most important issues for congress to tackle? How would you help?

A. We face a wide range of challenges from COVID's public health and economic crises, to the assault on fossil fuels by those promoting the Green New Deal, to the rise of China and Russia as growing national security threats. We need to protect Wyoming families and our way of life and get the economy growing again. We have seen great progress on issues like de-regulation, protection of our 2nd Amendment rights and religious freedom. We need to work together to beat COVID and restore economic growth and security. Socialist proposals like the 'Green New Deal' would cripple Wyoming energy and ag producers and drive our state into bankruptcy. I will continue

to stand firmly against radical reforms that will harm industries critical to our state and nation. We must continue the progress we have made to cut the burdensome red tape and onerous Obama-era environmental regulations that hindered Wyoming's ability to thrive. We must continue to rebuild our military and provide our men and women in uniform the resources they need to deter and defeat our adversaries. We must lead the world in holding the Chinese Communist Party accountable for its coronavirus deception and its many years of pernicious activities around the globe. The Chinese Communist Party (CCP) is targeting communities in Wyoming and across America in an effort to undermine our nation. This is a battle between freedom and totalitarianism, and we will never let the Chinese Government determine the kind of future we are going to live in.

Q. The COVID virus has disrupted so much in Wyoming and nationally. What words do you have about the future in restoring our country to the way it was before the pandemic?

A. Our nation faces a number of critical challenges that require congressional action in order to protect our country for future generations. In terms of work that needs to be done for Wyoming, I believe we need to continue pursuing policies that President Trump has championed



that encourage de-regulation, economic growth, energy development, and more independence for the people of our state at home. In addition, The Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act provided a path towards economic recovery as well as lifesaving resources for healthcare workers and hospitals in Wyoming and across the country. The Paycheck Protection Program helped over thirteen thousand Wyoming businesses with over one billion dollars in relief so they could keep workers on the payroll. In addition, the Provider Relief Fund delivered over ninety-nine million dollars for Wyoming Hospitals. The CARES Act also provided \$1.25 billion to the state of Wyoming to assist with the impact of the pandemic. We must continue to invest in development, manufacturing and distribution of COVID-19 vaccines, therapeutics and diagnostics.

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No answers as of press time.

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House District 47

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Q. The deficit faced by the State of Wyoming has led to many drastic cuts before resorting to finding revenues. What potential taxes would you consider to bring revenue into the State's coffers?

A. The potential taxes to be proposed depends on the amount of deficit we have to fill at the end of the fiscal year. For starters I would support a corporate income tax and a, "sin tax," on tobacco and alcohol products. Since we are mandated by the Wyoming Constitution to balance the budget we may have to look to other sources. At the bottom of my list would be a state income tax and property taxes.

Q. Wyoming has long talked about diversifying its economy. With the collapse of revenues from oil, gas and coal during the pandemic, it appears that the time to diversify is now. In what ways could or should Wyoming adapt to the change in its economy?

A. In our conversations with industry representatives they are telling us the biggest obstacle to diversifying our economy is the lack of a trained work force. The first steps to remedy this situation have already been implemented. We worked with community colleges, the University of Wyoming, K-12 school representatives and industry to pass a number of bills that addresses the problem. In addition, we need to continue to pursue a deep-water port on the west coast to provide an opportunity to export our clean coal to other countries. We also need to continue our efforts to attract business and industries that are compatible with our Wyoming lifestyle.

Q. Public notices have been published in Wyoming newspapers for longer than Wyoming has been a state. In September, the joint Corporations, Elections & Political Subdivisions Committee approved the introduction of a bill that would remove notices for meeting and minutes and government-employee salaries from newspapers to local government websites. If in the legislature, how would you vote on

this bill and why?

A. I will not support the bill being proposed by the Joint Corporations Committee that would remove the requirement to publish the notice of meetings, minutes and government-employee salaries from newspapers and shift it to local government websites.

House District 47 is geographically the largest district in the United States with many rural communities. How do you plan on visiting with and addressing the concerns of your constituents if elected? The enormous size of House District 47 poses some unique challenges when it comes to addressing the concerns of all of the citizens. Establishing a working relationship with local and county elected officials is the first step in staying connected. I have also found that developing a list of key people in each community that can keep you informed of the issues is very useful in addressing the problems that are unique to each area.

Q. Recently, Secretary of State Ed Buchanan announced that his elections division would be looking into the activities of the group Wyoming Gun Owners (WyGO) which targeted multiple incumbents during the primary election. Do you support Secretary of State Buchanan's decision? Why or why not?

A. I am I full support of Secretary Buchanan's efforts to investigate the Wyoming Gun Owners group. It is important to know if this organization is truly representing gun owners in Wyoming or if they are exploiting them for personal gain.

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Q. The deficit faced by the State of Wyoming has led to many drastic cuts before resorting to finding revenues. What potential taxes would you consider to bring revenue into the State's coffers?

A. I would not support any increase in taxes. We are sitting on investment accounts to the tune of \$23,000,000,000. These accounts yield very little return for our state, and in many cases actually lose money. We can invest wisely and put that money to work for the people of Wyoming, and we have a responsibility to be better stewards of our resources. We must also perform a line-by-line audit of the state budget to weed out waste, fraud, and abuse.

Q. Wyoming has long talked about diversifying its economy. With the collapse of revenues from oil, gas and coal during the pandemic, it appears that the time to diversify is now. In what ways could or should Wyoming adapt

to the change in its economy?

A. This has been a key point of my campaign. We must work with industry leaders to maintain the industries that are the lifeblood of our state, while also making Wyoming the best place for new businesses to bring jobs and opportunities.

Q. Public notices have been published in Wyoming newspapers for longer than Wyoming has been a state. In September, the joint Corporations, Elections & Political Subdivisions Committee approved the introduction of a bill that would remove notices for meeting and minutes and government-employee salaries from newspapers to local government

websites. If in the legislature, how would you vote on this bill and why?

A. I would oppose any bill intended to reduce transparency within the legislature.

Q. House District 47 is geographically the largest district in the United States with many rural communities. How do you plan on visiting with and addressing the concerns of your constituents if elected?

A. My campaign has been knocking doors and speaking at events all over the district, from Farson and Rock Springs to Hanna and Rock River and everywhere in between. In every town

in my district, we have been talking to voters about the issues that concern them, and every one of them has been given my personal cell phone number. I've taken hundreds of calls from voters and I will continue to do so when elected.

Q. Recently, Secretary of State Ed Buchanan announced that his elections division would be looking into the activities of the group Wyoming Gun Owners (WyGO) which targeted multiple incumbents during the primary election. Do you support Secretary of State Buchanan's decision? Why or why not?

A. I am very interested in how Secretary Buchanan justifies this action within the confines of the First Amendment. If any groups have violated state or federal election laws, they should be held accountable. Beyond that, any attempts to silence the free speech of American citizens should be condemned.

VOTE FREEDOM!

NOVEMBER 3rd WILL BE A VOTE FOR FREEDOM OR A VOTE FOR SOCIALISM/COMMUNISM.

Be Rational, subdue emotions and THINK! The future of freedom in America is on the ballot this year. The CONSTITUTION is not flawed or outdated. Thomas Jefferson reminded future generations, "If we are to guard against ignorance and remain free, it is the responsibility of EVERY AMERICAN TO BE INFORMED." We must deny Socialism/communism any further grip on our nation. REMEMBER THE GOVERNMENT WORKS FOR US; WE DO NOT WORK FOR THE GOVERNMENT!!! Let us pray that ALL AMERICANS will VOTE FREEDOM!



VOTE TRUMP/PENCE

Vote on policies that protect our constitution and freedoms.

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2020 General Election

Carbon County Commissioners

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Q. It is expected that Fiscal Year 2021/2022 will require drastic cuts to budgets not only on the State level, but throughout local governments in Wyoming as well. What approach will you take in examining cuts to prepare for the anticipated budget crunch?

A. Budget cuts are always difficult and we started the process with this year's budget. The focus is and will be funding the statutory requirements as well as health and human safety. The big unknown is what the state sends us in unfunded mandates. It is tough to know at this time is what the legislature will do along those lines, but we will work together for the best outcomes for the county.

Q. What is one goal that you would like to achieve in your four year term and how would you reach that goal?

A. My goal is to take care of all county employees and departments, making sure that they can function effectively and provide the best for the employees and the county constituents. I also want to see that the court house and Carbon building renovations are completed. Carbon building renovations will provide more convenient access to people conducting business within the county's buildings and the court house renovations will provide a safe and secure environment for our courts.

Q. Following the retirement of Sid Fox earlier this

year, what qualifications do you think are important for a planning director as Carbon County continues to see growth?

A. The position has been filled.

Q. What is one thing you believe the Board of Carbon County Commissioners have done well? What is one thing you believe the Board of Carbon County Commissioners could do better?

A. I believe our Board of Commissioners have done many of good things, but to name one, we have decreased the cost of health insurance to the county while still providing a good health package to employees. One thing we can improve is to work with the ten incorporated municipalities to team up and not duplicates services, but use our resources more efficiently, thus saving the tax payers money.

Q. As wind energy continues to come into Carbon County, what are potential projects that you believe could benefit from impact funds?

A. The impact assistance funds are to offset unmitigated impacts caused by extra people in the county such as the need for more law enforcement



and other services like road maintenance. Impact assistance funds should not be used to fund wish list projects, but only to fund true impacts from the projects. These funds are tax dollars that come from the state's portion of the sales tax generated by the project.

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Q. It is expected that Fiscal Year 2021/2022 will require drastic cuts to budgets not only on the State level, but throughout local governments in Wyoming as well. What approach will you take in examining cuts to prepare for the anticipated budget crunch?

A. For the past 7 1/2 yrs. we have had to watch the County finances very closely and have had to make some very difficult cuts in spending over those years. We had to cut expenditures by millions in 2013 and for several years thereafter. We have streamlined county services and have employees who are cross trained in many departments and are very efficient in their jobs. We have worked with the Library, Carbon County Museum, and Memorial Hospital of Carbon County to better utilize County funds, as well as to better fund themselves through other sources. We have also been able to continue to fund very important non-county agencies such as, the Senior Services.

It will be next fiscal year that we will probably see a serious drop in funding levels from the economic effects of COVID-19. We have kept that in mind when doing this fiscal year's budget and hope we can continue to provide the Statutorily required (basic services) of County government without interruption or negative consequences to the public. We feel we have reached a point currently where further deep cuts will have an adverse effect on services. We hope not to reach that point and will continue to be very frugal in our spending.

Q. What is one goal that you would like to achieve in your four-year term and how would you reach that goal?

A. There is not just "one goal" I would like to assist in achieving but several. To name just a few, I hope to continue to assist in providing the basic services that Carbon County residents need while working within the financial constraints. I do not want to see the citizens lose basic County services due to severe economic circumstances and will work very hard to avoid this situation.

I would like to hold the line and not lose any employees in the forecasted economic downturn. Our County employees are the backbone of County operations and have worked very hard through some very difficult times. I very much appreciate their dedication to what they each do for the County. I would also like to see the road improvements continue that Road & Bridge Superintendent, Kandis Fritz, and her crew have begun.

I am looking forward to the completion of the Courthouse/ Carbon Building renovation project over the next two years. There are many other "goals" too numerous to mention but I hope to see many of them come to fruition.

Q. Following the retirement of Sid Fox earlier this year,

director as Carbon County continues to see growth?

A. We have recently hired a new County Planner, Marlin Johnson, who is a certified planner with many years of experience, including dealing with Wyoming's unique rural county planning & zoning issues, having served as the former County Planner for Platte County, WY. He has years of experience in a variety of settings from California to South Dakota.

I think it is very important that we pay very close attention to planning and zoning in Carbon County. We have a variety of development issues from recreational to industrial in all parts of the county. It is important that we strive to keep development on our terms while at the same time encourage the economic development that comes with the various businesses/industries that are in our county. We must not lose sight of why we live here and why everyone else wants to live here. Smart and sensible planning is critical in dealing with the changes we are seeing now and in the future in Carbon County.

Q. What is one thing you believe the Board of Carbon County Commissioners have done well? What is one thing you believe the Board of Carbon County Commissioners could do better?

A. I think the Board of County Commissioners, since going to five county commissioners, has done a better job of representing and being accessible to the public, working as a team in knowing and understanding the issues in all areas of the county. There is representation on the Board of County Commissioners from nearly every corner of the County. Commissioner John Espy and myself work to cover the Little Snake River Valley, who does not currently have a commissioner literally from that area. We have audio streamed our meetings over the past eight years, which aids the public and press in keeping informed on Commission activities.

We have also worked very hard, and feel we have been successful, in dealing with the difficult economic situation over the past few years and are still able to provide the Statutorily required services to the citizens.

A personal frustration of mine, is it seems it takes too long to get some things done. We still have conversations going on issues from eight years ago. It may be the "speed of government", but it is frustrating and we seem unable to overcome it in some instances. Five County Commissioners are bit like "herding cats" at times.

Q. As wind energy continues to come into Carbon



County, what are potential projects that you believe could benefit from impact funds?

We have already been able to accomplish several projects due to impact assistance funding. We just recently completed the new Road & Bridge Shop and Sheriff's Complex in Medicine Bow, which was paid for with impact assistance moneys. We have also been able to rebuild and gravel some of the higher traffic county roads in the area such as, the recent rebuild, gravel, and magnesium chloride project on County Roads 291 & 270. New motor graders were purchased with the help of impact funds.

A. We have increased law enforcement and have been able to hire and equip more law enforcement personnel, who serve in the impacted areas as well as in other areas of the county and the jail. EMS and fire services have seen some assistance with the moneys with the current projects as well, to name just a few of the areas affected by impact funds.

We have tried to be very cognizant that impact assistance moneys are "shifted sales tax dollars" from all of us and are "one time" funds which must be spent on the items we testified to the Industrial Siting Council we would allocate them for. We have not "banked" any of these funds and we can show where every dollar directed to Carbon County was spent. We will continue to take care in the expending of any future funds we may be the beneficiaries of from future projects.

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Carbon County School District No. 2

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Q. First question is an obvious one in what do you feel is the most important issue facing the board currently?

A. In my opinion, the most important issue facing the board currently, and always, is providing our students the best education possible to prepare them for their future. These are challenging times and I feel our district is working hard to continue educating our students.

Q. There could be a budget crunch in the year to

come. If so, what do you see areas that will have to be effected?

A. At this time, it is premature to foresee what will have to happen. When the state decides what they are cutting from our budget then our district as a whole (board, superintendent, business manager, staff, students and stakeholders) will have to put our heads together to come up with a solution.

Q. The COVID virus has done turned education upside down with both academics and outside

activities. What are your thoughts to parents and students as they face another year of restrictions.?

A. Education is an essential piece of our society. And in within that piece, so are the activities. Our communities are proud of their schools and all the things that they represent. I am proud that we have been able to get our kids back to the classroom and for them to participate in activities. My hope is we can support and encourage our kids and our schools and continue moving forward. I pray for us all that God will protect us.

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Q. First question is an obvious one in what do you feel is the most important issue facing the board currently?

A. I believe the most important question is always: How do we ensure the students are getting the best possible education? With the constantly changing environment we find ourselves in situations that can only be solved by communication with all the stakeholders. The Board needs input from the administration, teachers, staff, parents, and members of the community to gather as much information as possible and base our decisions on how this affects the students of Carbon County School District 2. It is about what is best for the entire district.

Q. There could be a budget crunch in the year to come. If so, what do you see areas that will have to be effected?

A. The answer is not as simple as many people would like. The Wyoming Constitution says that students have a right to free public education. The Wyoming Supreme Court has ruled that after the Calibration Committee has determined what the needed education of students consists of, and how much the cost of providing this education will come to, the legislature is required to provide the funds. When the legislature decides to cut they must prove that this will not negatively affect the education of students. Therefore it will not be easy for the legislature to cut funding for schools. Whatever decisions the Board must make will always be with

input from all stakeholders and we will try to have the least negative impact on the education of the students.

Q. The COVID virus has done turned education upside down with both academics and outside activities. What are your thoughts to parents and students as they face another year of restrictions?

A. The best we can do is work within the parameters we are given. The bottom line is we must do what is asked so that our schools can continue to be open for teacher / student contact. As far as activities, we will have to do the same so that our students can continue to participate in activities outside of the school.

Nicholas E. Wamsley:

Q. First question is an obvious one in what do you feel is the most important issue facing the board currently?

A. Schools nationwide are facing tough times. At home in Wyoming, the state is expecting dramatic revenue shortfalls and a lack of resources to address the surge of Covid-19. The two immediate issues we face are therefore going to be providing critical services to our students on a reduced budget and ensuring we provide top notch education in the face of the pandemic while keeping our students, teachers, and staff safe.

Q. There could be a budget crunch in the year to come. If so, what do you see areas that will have to be effected?

A. Unfortunately given the dire budgeting circumstances we may find ourselves in, all areas will likely be affected. Rather than across the board cuts, I think the budget should be adjusted strategically to achieve any necessary reductions. The Board should prioritize services to students and maintaining salaries to staff and teachers to the maximum extent possible.

Q. The COVID virus has done turned education upside down with both academics and outside activities. What are your thoughts to parents and students as they face another year of restrictions?

A. The situation is always changing, and it is important to remain flexible. As the pandemic progresses, we must consider the most reliable information available and adjust our course of action accordingly. Our primary goal should be to keep our students and staff safe, while working toward accomplishing the goals of educating our students. Frankly, it's a fluid situation with no satisfying solution, but we need to hope for the best and plan for the worse.

Elk Mountain Town Council

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Q. Elk Mountain is a quiet town, but what do you feel needs to be addressed, that currently is not.

A. Elk Mountain is a quiet town..... That is how most folks here like it. That being said, One of Elk Mountain's biggest challenges has always been to stay relevant so as not to become a ghost town. We need to work to make sure that Elk Mountain is an inviting place for people and families to come and live. I think for the most part we do a pretty good job at this, but we must stay vigilant to the task. There are many important needs being addressed by the current mayor and town council. In my 10 years serving on the town council, I have seen steady progress and many awesome things accomplished with many wonderful things coming in the near future.

Q. Having gotten this far in the election cycle, do you have the feelings for running?

A. This isn't my first time running for a seat on town council. I am familiar with the feelings and the process of running. It's always great to see people getting out to vote their mind and I only hope that if

I am selected to serve a term on the Elk Mountain Town Council, I will be able to make a positive difference for the wonderful people who live here in Elk Mountain.

Q. Is there anything you want to say to the townspeople on why they should choose you over the other candidates?

A. Honestly, I am confident that any one of the fine ladies running for a seat on Elk Mountain's Town Council will do a fantastic job and give it their best effort. I guess the only thing I can say is that I've been on the council for 10 years... I know how it works, I know where we are at and where we'd like to be. I've put in lots of time sitting on different boards and attending meetings that keep Elk Mountain moving forward. I am willing and ready to continue serving my neighbors and friends here as long as they'll have me do so.





2020 General Election

Elk Mountain Town Council

Jessica Mustard:

Q. Elk Mountain is quiet town, but what do you feel needs to be addressed, that currently is not.

A. I am really lucky to live in such a quiet, small town. The community pride in Elk Mountain is absolutely amazing. As for the question, I feel that we are missing more activities and opportunities for families and children. I would also like to see the town as a whole, support the school children more.

Q. Having gotten this far in the election cycle, how do you feel about running?

A. I was surprised and humbled by all the support and write in's that I received. I have learned so much from being on the ballot. I really want to help the town to grow and flourish and I am just very blessed to have this opportunity.

Q. Is there anything you want to say to the townspeople on why they should choose you over the other candidates?

A. I grew up in Saratoga, Wyoming and I am

well aware of what it feels like to be a kid without anything to do in a small town, especially in the winter. We have positive things for the kids and families to do, but I feel as though we could offer more. I have been a resident in Elk Mountain for five years now, and my husband and I have made a home here. My jobs have allowed me to gain the skills and insight that I believe will help serve the community and its people. And I would like to thank everyone for their consideration.

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Q. Elk Mountain is quiet town, but what do you feel needs to be addressed, that currently is not.

A. As a town we are usually pretty quiet our council and mayor are very proactive so our needs are being addressed. However I would like to help the council in any way possible with the Natural gas issues we are currently in the process of setting up. There are a lot of things that will need to be done

once this is up and running.

Q. Having gotten this far in the election cycle, how do you feel about running?

A. I am comfortable in the election cycle and have good feelings about the outcome.

Q. Is there anything you want to say to the townspeople on why they should choose you over

the other candidates?

A. To all our townspeople I have lived in the town for 12 years and have tried to be actively involved in many things, as a community we are stronger when we work together and I feel with the times we face now it is very important to band together and help each other out.

Encampment Town Council

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Q. What is one goal you'd like to achieve if you are elected to the Encampment Town Council and how would you reach that goal?

A. Probably one of my biggest goals has always been, even when I worked for the town, the infrastructure. Try and get the water and sewer all updated and in better working condition. We've done a lot of that but we still have some problem areas around town that we need to address and I think that's probably my biggest thing is the infrastructure. We're depending on that 6th penny tax (One Percent Specific Purpose Sales and Use Tax) pretty heavily. All communities in Carbon County are.

Q. Encampment may be off the beaten path a bit, but it still sees benefits from the tourism industry. Is this something that Encampment should continue to capitalize on? If so, how?

A. I think we have a wonderful little museum up here, for example, and we need to stand behind

and support it with money (or) however we can do it. There's a lot of volunteers that work there and I think it's just a pretty good thing. Plus, anybody who drives through town who stops and gets a pop or gas, it just helps out the communities. Yes, we definitely need to keep the tourism coming in.

Q. What new ideas do you think you could bring to the Encampment Town Council?

A. I don't guess I have too many new ideas. I worked for the town for 27 years and I love this town and I'm still working on trying to get the old stuff fixed in town. I think we got a full plate with water and sewer issues and that kind of stuff.

Q. Part of being an elected official is speaking with your constituents. How accessible will you be to the people you will be representing?

A. Every time we've had any kind of issue, I've gone and talked to people I see on the street (or at)

the post office. I feel like I'm accessible. All you need to do is go to town hall and I told them they can give out my cell phone number. If somebody wants to talk to me, I'm ready to visit at any time. What do you think

Q. Encampment is currently doing right? What do you think Encampment is currently doing wrong?

I think we're trying to keep our finances in really good condition. We're saving money for rainy day type situations, emergency stuff. I think the Town is just really trying to take care of themselves financially. Not get beat up with some surprise that comes along.

I can't say we're doing anything wrong. I think we're plugging along pretty good. Like every town, we've all got issues here and there—things that need to be addressed—but a lot of things you don't think about until they pop up as an issue and then all you do is address it and try to take care of it. Make things better.

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Hanna Town Council

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No answers as of press time.

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No answers as of press time.

Wm Carey Lake:

Q. Hanna is a quiet town for the most part, but what do you feel needs to be addressed, that currently is not.

A. The town is what my wife and I wanted in a town. It's quiet, the people are fantastic and normally very friendly. I see a town that lacks any desire to grow and this bothers me. The young folks in town have very little to encourage them to be involved in business or industry. Many of those leaving the town say that there is nothing to keep them here. So encouraging businesses no matter how small, needs to be encouraged to set up shop in our town.

Q. It is hard to get residents motivated to go on boards. What are your feelings for that?

A. Many of the town residents do not get on

board because they want to be left alone and not be bothered. There is no incentive to do anything else. Of course the Covid scare does result in many not getting out in the public but they need to be encouraged to get out at town events. Be they school events or public gatherings to show their support of the town. The town needs to do more for the town and when they then see that there is a good reason for them to be involved, hopefully more than just a handful of people will be involved making it easier on all.

Q. Is there anything you want to say to the townspeople on why they should choose you over the other candidates?

A. As far as the last question, I would hope that the townsfolk would realize that my decision to run for city council is based on the premise that I want to do for this town what some of the other candidates who have been here for a lot longer have not done. In the 3 years I have been in the area I have seen things not happening that should have been looked at and decisions made to fix them or make it better for the town. The candidates that have been here for many years also talk about these things but have had all this time to get started fixing them and have not. My past experience with the military, law enforcement and medical fields have resulted in me seeing a problem and working at getting it fixed and not waiting on someone else to do it. Yes I may be new to the community but the problems in this town are not a lot different than many other small towns. We / I want to make these problems even less and the town better for all the citizenry to enjoy.

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Q. Hanna is a quiet town for the most part, but what do you feel needs to be addressed, that currently is not.

A. Things that need to be addressed in Hanna would have to be the issues with the land fill transition and the lack of faith in the town council to truly represent the needs of the community. I intend to immediately address the distribution of dumpsters into the town areas and renew the faith of the town's people in the council by addressing any concerns directly with the community.

Q. It is hard to get residents motivated to go on boards. What are your feelings for that?

A. As to the lack of involvement of the town's people to join boards I intend to find citizens who are directly affected by the conditions that need to be addressed by the boards and utilize their interest in these areas to motivate them to be more involved.

Q. Is there anything you want to say to the

townspeople on why they should choose you over the other candidates?

A. I feel that all of the candidates are good choices and it is great to see so many people wanting to get involved and contribute to the community. After the meet and greet tonight at the Recreation Center in Hanna I feel that the residents that attended got a good feel for each of the candidates and what each has to bring to the table. Quite honestly I hope that the citizens of Hanna vote for whom they think is most qualified for the positions and if that is me I will do my best to meet their expectations.

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"I am running for mayor because I believe I am the best choice at the moment," Sharon Biamon current



mayor of Medicine Bow said. "I ran for town council because I really wanted to help the town, and that hasn't changed." Biamon has

been elected for two four year terms.

"The second term, I was bumped up to mayor the last year," Biamon said. "It has been a challenge sometimes, but I have never been the type to shy away from challenges. I just want to do the best for my community."

A big problem for her is getting resident involved in the boards.

"People just don't seem to want to put the volunteer time it takes to be on a board," Biamon said. "With only one person running for town council and four open seats, I find myself trying to inspire people to run. It isn't easy, but I love this town and its why I try

to inspire people to get involved."

Biamon is proud the town has law enforcement again. She said the drainage problems are being worked on and soon the streets will be worked on. "It helps a lot having an excellent public works director," Biamon said. "Charlie (George) does a great job."

Biamon said a major reason she is running for mayor is to galvanize other residents of Medicine Bow to take an interest in the town's affairs. "If I am not willing to work for the town, I can't ask others," Biamon said. "I was taught to lead by example and that is what I am going to do."

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Q. Former mayor John Zeiger resigned shortly before the Primary Election. The current council has expressed interest in consulting the two successful council candidates on how to fill that vacancy after the General Election. If you are one of the two, what factors would you consider when consulting with the current council?

A. While I appreciate the sentiment of the current council to consult with the two successful candidates, I have serious hesitations in voicing a strong opinion about the mayoral choice without having worked with the other members of the council. I do think it is important that the mayor be an initially elected member of the council. Beyond that, I struggle, as I feel that the strategies and work ethic of the mayor is important, now more than ever. Without having worked with the other members of the council, existing or new, I see my opinion in the matter as lacking in substance, and likely flawed from an outsider's perspective.

Q. With the construction of subdivisions and houses rarely staying on the market for long, Saratoga appears to be growing. How should the Saratoga Town Council take a role in guiding that growth as it progresses

A. I find it extremely important to pursue a full time planning and zoning officer who has helped guide other communities with similar growth in the past. I think we should revisit the previous comp plan and develop the language to drive growth that focuses on the public's desires, strong and measurable goals for economic goals and intentions, and concrete steps with which to guide the continued progress of our valley. I see growth coming, and I would prefer to see the town control that growth rather than be controlled by it. There are opportunities in homes of all levels, business development, and public spaces and amenities that contribute to the quality of life for all of our citizens.

Q. Tyler Pickett Memorial Park has languished in the planning stage for a decade or more. The current council recently voiced their commitment to seeing it begin construction. How important is it to you that this

park be constructed, if not finished, during your term?

A. I would absolutely love to see the Tyler Pickett Memorial Park reach completion. Spaces that the citizens and visitors can enjoy are a huge part of what makes a town into a community. Rarely do visitors come to a town and drive away talking about how smooth the streets are. They leave praising the amenities, the parks, the open spaces, and the things that brought smiles to their faces. This park recognizes a local as he needs to be recognized, but it also brings even more beautification, while highlighting the love that our citizens have for our town.

Q. The approval of recent building permits has brought forth criticism of Title 18 and it's often vague language? How important is it to you that language in the zoning code be updated and/or clarified for future construction projects?

A. I understand that clarifying zoning language is a dry affair, but I actually think that having the clearest and most concise language alleviates debate and confusion, which in turn creates a clearer path and vision for our town and the impending growth. That allows us to make decisions quickly, make them uniformly, and the same for everyone. With that process smoothed out, it creates more opportunity to control the type of growth we want to see, spend less in confusion and time, and keep our vision on track.

Q. If elected, is there a specific cause or goal that you would champion during your time on the council?

A. I can't ignore the financial future of the town. So many great plans can be put in place, but until the town has made right its financial obligations, I must resist



further causes. Imagining a great windfall in finances, and everything was back on the level, I would love to pursue some of the lifestyle amenities that I feel set the select few small towns apart. We have an incredible asset in the North Platte. I would relish in a river walk and park that visitors and citizens alike could walk to with ease. I would be extremely interested in basic wayfinding signage around town so folks know how walkable our beautiful town truly is. Our town offers so many great things to the citizens, and it's why I moved here. Finding ways to share that with others is important to me. In business, they will tell you, you are either growing or you're dying. There is no third direction. I would like to see that growth, but on our terms, and guided in a direction that our citizens are happy with, can enjoy themselves, and also makes financial sense for our town.



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Saratoga Town Council

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Q. Former mayor John Zeiger resigned shortly before the Primary Election. The current council has expressed interest in consulting the two successful council candidates on how to fill that vacancy after the General Election. If you are one of the two, what factors would you consider when consulting with the current council?

A. There are a couple of factors I would consider in filling the vacancy for the next mayor. First is who is interested in being the next mayor of Saratoga. From what has been discussed there are 2 councilmen that have stated they don't want to be mayor. I think there is a lot of responsibility and a large time commitment in being the mayor and I don't believe this is a position that should be pushed onto someone who is not interested in filling the position. Second is leadership. I think this is something the town really needs at this time and the next mayor should be looking to lead and unite the council in the best interest of the town.

Q. With the construction of subdivisions and houses rarely staying on the market for long, Saratoga appears to be growing. How should the Saratoga Town Council take a role in guiding that growth as it progresses?

A. The first thing the town can do to help with the growth that is coming to Saratoga is hire a fulltime Planning and Zoning Officer. The person that fills that position needs to be someone that understands

the town code and be willing to help individuals or businesses as they work through the permitting process.

Q. Tyler Pickett Memorial Park has languished in the planning stage for a decade or more. The current council recently voiced their commitment to seeing it begin construction. How important is it to you that this park be constructed, if not finished, during your term?

A. I think it is important to see the Tyler Pickett Memorial Park constructed and completed during the next 4 years. It is something that has been in the works for too long and should be completed.

Q. The approval of recent building permits has brought forth criticism of Title 18 and it's often vague language? How important is it to you that language in the zoning code be updated and/or clarified for future construction projects?

A. Anytime you have a code, rule or law that is vague it has the potential to cause issues. Having a fulltime planning and zoning officer to help go through the current code and assist the council to clean up and/or clarify where things are vague should be important to the town as it looks deal with the growth that is coming.

Q. If elected, is there a specific cause or goal that you would champion during your time on the council?



A. For me cleaning up the financial issues that came to light in the last year and a half and working towards getting each enterprise fund back to where it should be financially is a priority.

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Q. Former mayor John Zeiger resigned shortly before the Primary Election. The current council has expressed interest in consulting the two successful council candidates on how to fill that vacancy after the General Election. If you are one of the two, what factors would you consider when consulting with the current council?

A. I think that the 2 new members on the council need to weigh in the conversation with the new appointment of a town Mayor in its vacancy. After reviewing this matter, I believe that for the most part the town of Saratoga has been involved in the process and the discussions in regards to this topic since the resignation of John Zeiger. I also have come to the conclusion that if elected as a town official that this topic needs to be discussed and having additional voice for the people of Saratoga appointing the right person for this position.

Q. With the construction of subdivisions and houses rarely staying on the market for long, Saratoga appears to be growing. How should the Saratoga Town Council take a role in guiding that growth as it progresses?

A. The town needs to be involved in the process with controlling the growth of Saratoga. We admire Saratoga for being a small town and it is important to have Saratoga grow in our control verses having the town of Saratoga grow and transition into something that we will regret later in the future. In order to maintain a small town and control the growth there are some process that we as a town need to observe and oversee:

A. First off, updating the residential and commercial building codes. Try and eliminate most of the gray vague language with our current building codes. Along with this, is to hire a full time building inspector. By doing this will allow the town of Saratoga the consistency in the process of any construction via residential or commercial construction. As well as enforcing the building codes as it is interpreted in the updated building codes.

B. Secondly, overview the types of residential house that are being built. If we build homes that are expensive and driving up the residential properties then we will be forcing out the community members that have set roots here. There should be adequate amount of low income house, to mid range housing and higher end housing.

C. Thirdly, the town needs to address the commercial building codes to control what type of business are allowed to be in Saratoga. Our backbone in this town are driven on the mom and pops shops here in Saratoga. I believe that we as a town need to focus on that mindset and try a prevent any type of big corporate from establishing roots in Saratoga. We should have the mindset of establishing more small business in succeeding in Saratoga.

These 3 points are what I believe will help control growth of Saratoga and keeping Saratoga the small town that we all love.

Q. Tyler Pickett Memorial Park has languished in the planning stage for a decade or more. The current council recently voiced their commitment to seeing it

begin construction. How important is it to you that this park be constructed, if not finished, during your term?

A. The town owes the Pickett family and the rest of the town to follow through on their word. The Tyler Pickett memorial needs to be started and completed during my term. As a veteran this is important to me in keeping the member of the military and a member of the town of Saratoga memory alive. This is a man that committed to service to his country and to his town. The town needs to follow through their commitment of completing the memorial park for Tyler Pickett and his family.

Q. The approval of recent building permits has brought forth criticism of Title 18 and it's often vague language? How important is it to you that language in the zoning code be updated and/or clarified for future construction projects?

A. With the current building codes being vague it makes the basis of it open to interpretation. This can be a frustration being a home owner on a DIY remodel or a construction business building residential homes or business. I also believe that we need to enforce building codes by a proper certified employee of the town and not just getting approval from members of the town whose backgrounds are not of such.

Q. If elected, is there a specific cause or goal that you would champion during your time on the council?

A. One of the main goals that I hope to bring a council member would bring transparency, maintaining upholding the word that is given to the people of Saratoga. I feel there are a lot of promises that were made by the town and those need to be upheld first and foremost. It is time the town starts to follow through on promises being made. Secondly, to hold those employed by the town accountable. We need to establish a job description for every employee, as well as building and maintaining an employee handbook, followed with work performance reviews. These are the goals I hope to bring to the town and to see them to fruition.

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Q. Former mayor John Zeiger resigned shortly before the Primary Election. The current council has expressed interest in consulting the two successful council candidates on how to fill that vacancy after the General Election. If you are one of the two, what factors would you consider when consulting with the current council?

A. The factors that I would consider, when consulting with the council, are as follows:
 Verify that none of the elected council are interested in the Mayoral position.
 Seek input from the Saratoga community concerning the Mayoral position.

Q. With the construction of subdivisions and houses rarely staying on the market for long, Saratoga appears

to be growing. How should the Saratoga Town Council take a role in guiding that growth as it progresses?

A. Saratoga town council should offer guidance as far as budget, infrastructure, and community engagement. For example, Will there be a conflict in supply and demand for the new proposed area.

Q. Tyler Pickett Memorial Park has languished in the planning stage for a decade or more. The current council recently voiced their commitment to seeing it begin construction. How important is it to you that this park be constructed, if not finished, during your term?

A. I feel that the Tyler Pickett Memorial Park should be started and hopefully completed before the end of my term. You should follow through on commitments

previously made, before making any new ones.

Q. The approval of recent building permits has brought forth criticism of Title 18 and it's often vague language? How important is it to you that language in the zoning code be updated and/or clarified for future construction projects?

A. Each individual project is unique and should be treated so. Title 18 should serve as a guide and be flexible. It is important to keep protections in place for those previously built when new changes are imposed.

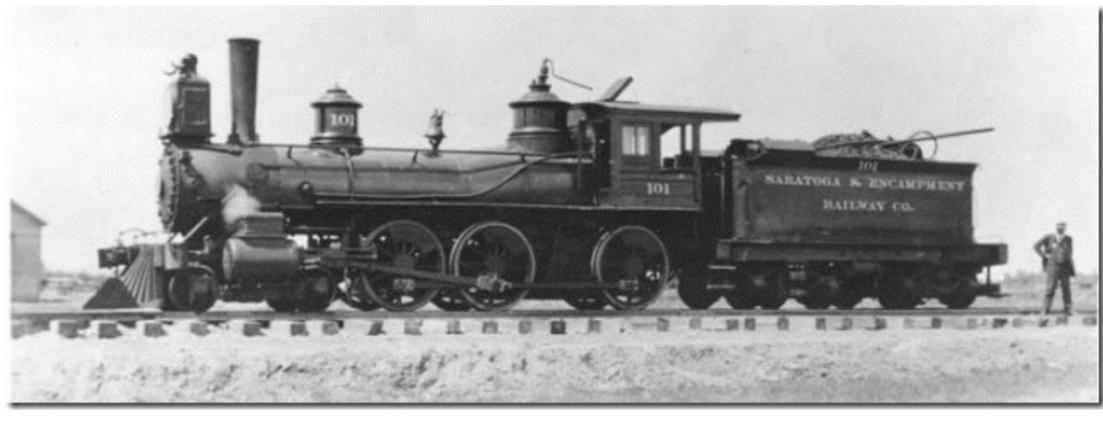
Q. If elected, is there a specific cause or goal that you would champion during your time on the council?

A. Yes, infrastructure, infrastructure, infrastructure!

2020 General Election

Preserving our heritage & history by voting 'FOR' Museum District

—Photos courtesy of Saratoga Museum.



History of Ryan Park and surrounding area is being preserved and shared through the efforts of the Saratoga Museum including this rare photo of the Ryan Park CCC camp, which later became a WWII POW camp. Other Ryan Park history includes the lumber & timber industry, Snowy Range road, Barrett Ridge & Ryan Park ski jumps and runs, hunting, fishing & trapping, dude ranches, recreation and agricultural, plus much more.

First Iron Horse in Saratoga arrived in summer of 1907. Complete history of the Saratoga & Encampment Railway has been preserved at the Saratoga Museum and is available to all interested persons. The museum staff and volunteers are now preparing a large railroad display for viewing by all those who visit the facility.—Photo courtesy of Saratoga Museum.

When it comes to preserving our rich heritage and history, right now is an exciting as well as perilous time. We are excited about new books being published; thrilled about the local newspaper featuring our several small and successful privately funded museums throughout the county; happy to see museums expanding and adding facilities and collections, elated to see historic material being preserved through digital programs, as well as

overjoyed about fund drives and creative ways to support these historic gems. Heading the list of "PERIALS" is keeping the doors of our Saratoga Museum open, which is why supporters proposed formation of a museum district. The measure will appear on the November general election ballot, and, if passed, the one mill levy will add nearly \$50,000 per year towards operation of the Saratoga Museum, while costing the average household less than \$5 per year.

As one of the founding members and life-long supporter of the Saratoga Museum, Dick Perue said his concern for the future of this facility is so great that he volunteered to head "Friends of Saratoga/Ryan Park Museum District" committee to see that the measure gets passed. Museum supporters and "Friends" plead, "Please join us to help save your Saratoga Museum by voting FOR Saratoga/Ryan Park Museum District!"

Museum District to be put before voters

A question on whether or not to form the Saratoga-Ryan Park Museum District will appear before voters within the following three districts on November 3; Saratoga 11-1, Saratoga 11-2 Outside and Saratoga 11-2-1. The district will encompass all of the Saratoga 11-1 voting district, all of the Saratoga 11-2 Outside district and most of the Saratoga 11-2-1 voting district. The sections of the Saratoga 11-2-1 voting district not included in the Saratoga-Ryan Park Museum District are the following townships; 17N80W,

16N80W and 15N80W. The question, as it appeared on the ballot, reads "Shall a museum district named 'Saratoga-Ryan Park Museum District' be formed, the general purpose of which is to provide a stable source of funding for the operation, maintenance and possible expansion of the Saratoga Historical and Cultural Association and its properties." Voters posed with the question will be able to vote "For formation of the Saratoga-Ryan Park Museum District" or "Against formation of the Saratoga-Ryan

Park Museum District." In addition to voting "for" or "against" the formation of the Saratoga-Ryan Park Museum District, voters will also be able to vote for representatives for the proposed district with three running for four year terms and two running for two years terms. Those running for the four year terms are Wilbur Roger Snell, Terri Winter and Connie Patterson. Those running for the two year term are Mark Shipp and Sherry Mackay.

Your Vote Matters!
Election Day is November 3, 2020.
 Polls are open from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.
 Wyoming allows for same-day in-person registration at polling places.

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