

General Election November 5, 2024

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With just days before the General Election on Tuesday, November 5th, it's time to prepare to exercise your American right to vote. Here in Weston County, polls open at 7:00 a.m. and close at 7:00 p.m. Polling places are the Upton Community Center in Upton, the Osage Fire Hall in Osage, and the Weston County Events Center in Newcastle.

At the top of the ticket, Donald J. Trump and J.D. Vance are facing off against Kamala D. Harris and Tim Walz for President and Vice President. Libertarian Chase Oliver and his running mate Mike Ter Maat are challenging both the Republican and Democratic candidates.

United States Senate incumbent Senator John Barrasso (R) is being challenged by Scott D. Morrow (D) for one of Wyoming's two seats in the U.S. Senate. This is a six-year term. Meanwhile, on the other side of Congress, the only United States Representative seat in the House is being contested by incumbent Harriet Hageman (R), Kyle G. Cameron (D), Richard Brubaker (L), and Jeffery Haggitt (C). This is a two-year term.

In Wyoming State Offices, incumbent Chip Neiman (R) is running unopposed for House District #1, which includes northern Weston County, and J.D. Williams (R) is running unopposed for House District #2, which includes the southern part

of Weston County.

As for County government, incumbent Ed Wagoner (R) and Marty Ertman (R) are running unopposed for the two open seats on the Weston County Commission. These are four-year terms.

In Judicial retentions, voters will choose to retain Justices Kate M. Fox and John G. Fenn on the Wyoming Supreme Court, Judges Matthew F.G. Castano and James Michael Causey on the Sixth Judicial District Court, and Judges Wendy M. Bartlett and Lynda R. Bush on the Sixth Judicial Circuit Court.

In Newcastle, Newcastle Mayor incumbent Pam Gualtieri is facing challenger Tyrel Owens. The three open seats on the Newcastle City Council are being contested by Daren L. Downs, Jeffery Hall, Chris Kenny, Kevin S. Kringle, Karl Lacey, and Thomas A. Voss.

Incumbents Justin Norman and Rick Rothleutner are running for the two open seats on the Upton Town Council.

There are five open seats on the Weston County School District #1 Board of Trustees, overseeing Newcastle schools, and running for these seats are Paul Bau, Billy Fitzwater, Steven Gale, Tyler J. Mills, Susan Pillen, and Dana Mann-Tavegia.

For Upton's Weston County School District #7 Board of Trustees, incumbents Curtis Rankin and Diana White are running unopposed for the two available seats.

There will also be several ballot propositions on the General Election Ballot next week.

First up, voters will have the opportunity to vote for or against Constitutional Amendment A, which would separate residential real property into its own class of property for the purpose of property tax assessments. The amendment would authorize the Wyoming State Legislature to create a subclass of owner occupied primary residences.

Voters will also be able to vote for or against the County Lodging Tax on Proposed Ballot Proposition No. 1, which asks if Weston County shall continue to impose a 2% lodging excise tax upon the sales price paid for lodging services. The primary purpose of the tax is to fund local travel and tourism promotion.

Proposed Ballot Proposition No. 2 asks voters to vote for or against continuing to impose a sales and use tax at the rate of 1% upon sales of tangible personal property, admissions, and services made within Weston County to raise funds for general revenue.

Finally, with Proposed Ballot Proposition No. 3, voters will have the opportunity to vote for or against having the Weston County Hospital District continue the District's mill levy at the current six mills to continue to provide funding to support the Weston County Hospital, Weston County Manor, and Weston County Home Health.