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**CANDIDATE PROFILES INSIDE FOR
THE AUG. 20 PRIMARY ELECTION**



- Questions for city and county office:**
1. What is your background, including your qualifications for the office you're seeking?
2. What are your top priorities for allocating city/county budget resources and how will you ensure fiscal responsibility?

3. How will you collaborate with state and federal agencies to advocate for the city's/county's interest and access resources for community development?
4. What measures will you take to ensure transparency in government operations and engage with constituents to address their concerns?

Uinta County Commission

Republican: Brent Hatch (incumbent)

1. I currently serve as Uinta County Commissioner and am familiar with the responsibility of serving in that role. I am proud to represent Uinta County citizens on a local and state level. I'm very much in touch with all the future projects coming to southwest Wyoming in the coming years.

Over the past four year serving as commissioner, we accomplished several major capital projects and created a five-year plan to be proactive with all maintenance and future projects. For example, I was instrumental in the replacement of the outdated grandstands, where we were able to take the capacity from 1,800 to 4,800 people.

A commissioner's responsibility is to adopt an annual budget, appoint members to various county boards, approve all county contracts, agreement and polices, oversee health services, facility maintenance, landfills, meet regularly in open meetings and the maintenance of all county roads.

My background is in administration and finance, I have worked in this arena for the past 40 years. I'm retired from a regular job and now dedicate my time to serving the residents. I also

serve on the Wyoming County Commissioner Association finance committee where we reviewed and supported several property tax bills before they were forwarded to the legislature.

2. My top priority is to serve the citizens of Uinta County. I am committed, dedicated and have the desire, time and energy for the betterment of citizens. My goal is to preserve our quality of life here in Uinta County, while staying up to date with all potential growth opportunities as major companies move into southwest Wyoming.

The county, by law, must operate within a balanced budget. I strive to look at all income sources. For example, Uinta County should have been collecting a lodging tax and sales tax for all overnight stays, including the Uinta County Youth Camp. This is now built into the Youth Camp reservation application.

The majority of the county budget is al-



located to the well-being and safety of all the Uinta County citizens. At each commission meeting the expenditures are reviewed and approved prior to disbursing payment. In addition, I review monthly income and expense reports.

All branches of local government fall under the commissioners' responsibility to have an annual audit to ensure each department remains within the allocated budget, including conformity with generally accepted accounting principles as applied to government entities. The auditing firm reviews results of the audit with the commissioners before its approval and expectance.

3. I have a great working relationship with our current state and federal representatives, where issues relating to Uinta County can be presented and discussed. Through working with the Wyoming County Commissioner Association, we lobby the Wyoming legislature on issues that affect all of the citizens of Wyoming.

The WCCA sponsors a monthly conference call with our state and federal representatives. We listen to them and their staff members on state and federal issues pertaining to Wyoming, including how they are working to protect our state from federal overreach.

For example, the Rock Springs RMP land grab, where the federal government is attempting to control over 3.7 million acres — mostly in Sweetwater County — into a conversation district, limiting access and use of the land. Everyone on the call is provided the opportunity to engage with comments and questions and provide input on issues that relate to our individual counties in Wyoming.

4. All of the county commission meetings are public meetings, where the public is invited to attend and share concerns and comments on issues they may have. I'm also retired from a regular occupation, so my schedule is very flexible to meet with constituents at their convenience. I'm available and willing to listen to any and all citizen concerns.

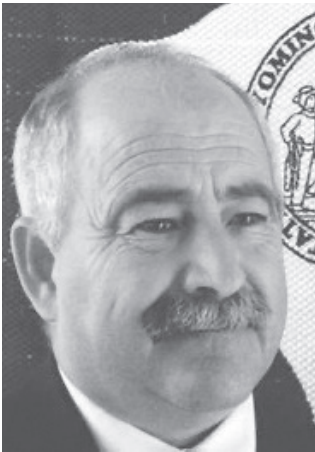
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Doug Matthews

Uinta County Commissioner

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Republican: Doug Matthews

1. My name is Doug Matthews. I was born and raised in Uinta County. My wife, Sandra, and I have four children and eight grandchildren — most of them still live in Evanston. My family has been here since the early 1900s, and I am grateful to live here where integrity, being honest and working hard are still important.

For eight years I oversaw managing the largest budget within the county. I understand where the county receives the money it operates

on and how it is allocated. Priorities must be set, and each taxpayer dollar spent wisely. I take this responsibility very seriously — my record shows that.

2. First, I believe all government should be as transparent as possible and accountable to the people. Government closest to the people produces the best results.

There is never enough money to fund everything, so priorities must be set. Some things must be funded as per state statute mandates such

as law enforcement and the courts.

Everything the county government does is important to its citizens and their quality of life, but there are always places taxpayer money can be saved. I will be your advocate and want each of you to feel you are being treated fairly.

3. I will be a fierce advocate for the interests of Uinta County, especially when it comes to property/water rights and government overreach.

MATTHEWS, 3

Republican: Jace Nix

1. I am the vice president of GT Nix Construction Inc. I have been involved in our family business my entire life and have been in a management position for over 20 years.

Being a small business, I am highly involved in every aspect of the business. I enjoy working directly with our employees in day-to-day operations.

I have received the Patriotic Employer Award from the Wyoming National Guard, and I have been recognized by the American Legion for my support and fundraising to benefit our Veterans. I was recognized by the Lions Club for my community support and involvement. I served as a volunteer firefighter for five years.

Being self-employed allows me to have a flexible schedule to ensure that I am available to fulfill my duties if elected.

2. The top priorities of the county budget should be any essential service that affects every citizen of Uinta County —



such as our law enforcement, first responders, road and bridge, landfills, etc.

The county needs to minimize its spending wherever possible and spend every penny responsibly for the benefit of the taxpayers. The current and increasing rate of taxation on the citizens of Wyoming is a heavy burden on the taxpayers of Uinta County. Irresponsible, unnecessary spendy would only increase the burden on the residents of Uinta County.

3. I will collaborate with state and federal agencies in any way possible. I feel it is important that the county stays on top responsibly seeking funding and other resources for our future and our growth.

4. Transparency in our county government is a top priority. I will engage with my constituents in multiple ways to keep them informed and to discuss and address their concerns. I feel that in-person discussion, phone calls, newspapers and social media are all great forms of communication to accomplish this.

Republican: Jared Crane

Jared Crane did not respond to our questionnaire despite multiple attempts to contact him.

Republican: Jon Pentz

1. I have been involved in many different situations with the community, including rallying for an events center, working with local officials to bring business into Uinta County, working to reduce taxes and stop reckless spending.

My family have also done the car show on Main Street for 10 years and, with our partnership with Brew Fest, filling every motel room in town in an attempt to stimulate the local economy.

During the last days of the biker rally, my family did a freestyle motocross event right on Front Street. I have been a fighter for Uinta County most of my adult life and plan to continue doing so whether or not I get elected.

2. I feel very strongly that local departments are underpaid. There is no way we can think that paying police and or other law enforcement personnel so little is acceptable. We need to take care of those who take care of us.



We also need to cut spending on projects that will not benefit the people of our county. There needs to be more transparency as to where the people's money is being spent!

I also want to advocate for lowering crippling taxes, especially to those 65 and older living on fixed incomes. Property taxes have become out of control and, with the bad economy, it's pricing people right out of their homes.

3. Here is where I am going to present something that angers me to the core: BLM's disgusting overreach with Wyoming's public lands is absolutely unacceptable. I cannot sit quietly by and watch ranchers and citizens have our land stripped from us by a tyrannical branch of the federal government.

My family have been ranchers for many, many decades, and I was fortunate enough to be a ranch hand

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It is important to have good working relationships with state and federal agencies, such as the Forest Service and BLM. Uinta County receives other federal and state monies that help fund things like mosquito spraying, dust control and our two airports.

The people of Uinta County know best what is best for Uinta County. Good working relationships with these agencies help facilitate that.

With the new nuclear power plant being built in Kemmerer, future windmill projects, and even new opportunities with coal production, there are challenges but also some opportunities

for Uinta County to explore.

4. With all of the technology we have today, access to almost everything is at our fingertips, and I think that makes it easier for government to be transparent. Uinta County does a decent job of being transparent, but there are always ways to do better. I will listen to your concerns and ideas and do my best to make changes where appropriate.


I have never had an unlisted number or screened my calls. I will answer my phone or call you back. As your representative, I must be accessible to you.

Together we can make reasonable, sensible decisions that will keep Uinta County moving forward while preserving our way of life. I would appreciate your vote on Aug. 20.

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Complex two to three times per week. I often attend the coffee club at Benedict's on Friday mornings, joining local business owners, to learn firsthand issues from concerned citizens in the Bridger Valley area.


I also serve on several committees and boards in Evanston and the Bridger Valley. I try to keep abreast of issues, events and activities that effect citizens of Uinta County now and in the future. When a constituent contacts me, via text or email, I strive to reply to them within 24 hours with a response to their concern or issue. f I do not know the answer, I put them in contact with someone who can assist them.

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- ★ Works hard to bring growth to Evanston
- ★ Believes in the future of Evanston
- ★ Is willing to make the right decisions for Evanston
- ★ Longtime business owner in Evanston
- ★ Longtime family ties to Southwestern Wyoming
- ★ Current member of Uinta County Suicide Task Force
- ★ Current member of Evanston Chamber of Commerce
- ★ Registered Nurse – serving Veterans and others in Evanston for a total of 19 years
- ★ Willing to invest in Evanston; its past, present and future

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THE VOICE OF REASON

Questions for state legislative office:

1. What is your background, including your qualifications for the office you're seeking?
2. What measures do you support to promote economic diversification in Wyoming beyond traditional industries such as energy and agriculture?

3. Wyoming's education system relies heavily on revenue from energy industries. How do you propose maintaining adequate funding for education, especially in light of fluctuations in energy revenues?
4. How do you propose maintaining fiscal stability and addressing potential revenue shortfalls?

Wyo Senate District 14

Republican: Bill Winney

1. Thirty years active duty in Nuclear Submarine Force, to include serving as a chief engineer. Also served in command, where I wrote regulations, observed how they were understood and had to rewrite some of them.

Our Legislature rarely looks to see how legislation is actually understood and applied. Duty serving in the Washington, D.C. area interacting with Congress. Observing our legislature beginning to end for many years and speaking in public comment successfully influencing some legislation.

Longtime member of the NRA; current member of Wy Gun Owners; fully supporting the Second Amendment as it is written.

Have previously served as both a chartering organization representative and a district chairman with the Boy Scouts. Eagle Scout. Bachelor's degree from US Naval Academy, masterss degree in engineering: The Catholic University of America. Past President of a Rotary Club. Married to Louise for 52 years with three sons and five grandchildren.

2. Ensuring that our transportation system, particularly

aviation, operates well is key to an economy. Along with this is an internet backbone enabling businesses to communicate nationwide. In our internet era, businesses can be run from many locations in Wyoming.

Keeping taxes (including property taxes) low enables businesses to operate more efficiently. I believe that the Kemmerer Nuclear Plant will open a large door to power generation along with supporting fields (mining and refining of nuclear fuels).

We cannot predict what businesses may relocate into Wyoming. What we can do is ensure that supporting infrastructure is there for them. The new data center going up in Cheyenne is a good example of fulfilling the needs of a business: transportation (the junction of I-25 and I-80) coupled with internet access. Note that WYDOT's maintenance and repair, along with winter plowing of roads, makes a difference in the thinking of busi-

Republican: Albert Sommers

1. Both sides of my family were early homesteaders in the Green River Valley. I attended the University of Wyoming, where I received a degree in electrical engineering.

I returned to the Sommers family ranch after receiving my degree, and I have lived and worked on the ranch my entire life. I have served House District 20, mostly Sublette County, as their representative for the last 12 years. I was elected by my peers to the leadership roles of Majority Whip, Speaker Pro Tem, Majority Floor Leader, and I now serve as the Wyoming Speaker of the House.

I am a hardworking, solution-oriented legislator who will fight for the people, industries, businesses, and natural resources of southwest Wyoming.

2. I support jobs! I have always been an advocate of funding for the Wyoming Business Council, which enables economic development in Wyoming. In particular, I have supported the Business Ready Community grant and loan program, which provides financing for publicly owned infrastructure serving the needs of businesses.

I believe the state should help our local communities become more livable and ready for business. We need to ensure that these



programs allow both small and large communities to become more business ready.

While serving in the Legislature, I have always helped local and state efforts to diversify our economy, while strengthening our existing industrial engine. I also have voted for more funding for career and technical education programs, and I was instrumental in passing and funding the Wyoming Tomorrow Scholarship program, which will assist adult learners through workforce development.

I am an advocate for economic development and diversification, but I also want Wyoming to stay true to who we are.

3. I have a proven track record of supporting funding for education (K-12, community college and UW), and I believe education is the single most important service that Wyoming provides to its citizens. Alongside hard work, education is the true equalizer in society.

Furthermore, we are constitutionally obligated to fund an equitable, adequate education to every child K through 12. During my time in the legislature, we have made the state's "Rainy Day" account the backstop for K-12 education funding. This funding mechanism,



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for the Moores all of my young life. We need a county commissioner that's willing to say to the BLM, "Not today, and not I'm my county." We need to stand up to them in a big way to show the people of Uinta County we support them and also show our brothers and sisters in Sweetwater County that we have their backs!

4. We need to return the Constitution to the courthouse, giving people their rights back in their courthouse — freedom of speech, freedom to assemble, freedom of press, etc.

I am a constitutionalist. I view it as a perfect document that should not be infringed upon! I also understand that if I become elected it's because of the people of Uinta County, and I will be sitting in

their courthouse, in their chairs representing the best interest of the people who elected me.

I will make myself available to listen to concerns and answer questions. My phone number is and will always be readily available.

I am not a politician. I am one of we the people who seeks to give citizens a voice in how the county is run.

Evanston City Council Ward 1

"Together, Let's Reimagine City Government and Improve Economic Opportunities for Evanston's Residents and Businesses."

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Republican: Laura Taliaferro Pearson

1. My name is Laura Taliaferro Pearson. I am running as a Republican for Wyoming Senate District 14. I live and work on a family-owned, sixth-generation sheep ranch in southwest Wyoming. I am also a school bus driver and small business owner.

The qualifications are that I am a Wyoming citizen, at least 25 years of age, and have resided in my district for at least 12 months preceding this election.

2. The measures I would support to promote economic diversification beyond traditional industries, such as energy and agriculture, would be the

possibility of off-track betting (which is a self-imposed tax), tourism, and letting businesses grow with less regulation, therefore incentivizing capitalism.

That being said, we need to get back to coal, oil, gas and agriculture. I will do everything I can to support and revive these critical industries. Without energy independence and food, our country is doomed.

3. I would propose maintaining adequate funding for education by bringing back the energy industries. The fate of our state should not be held in the hands of one man. We need to start pushing back!



Also, how about heavily taxing states that want alternative energy to use those energies? After all, our beautiful state is being destroyed to push, in my opinion, a false narrative. I would bet this “climate change” narrative would fall by the wayside quickly.

We are funding education at \$20,000 per student per year. That money isn’t getting to the “boots on the ground” employees, and is not producing adequate results.

This is not the fault of our teachers! We need to remove obstacles that are restricting our teachers, get the politics and federal overreach out, figure out where the money is going, and get to

the root of the problem.

4. I would propose maintaining fiscal stability and addressing potential revenue shortfalls by lowering taxes, reducing regulation, reducing government overreach and expanding capitalism. We need to live within our budget. It’s not a revenue problem — we have a spending problem.

We have nearly \$30 billion dollars in reserves. How much do we need before we start providing relief to our citizens? I am running to be a voice for the citizens of Senate District 14. I see the frustration, and I believe that, together, we can “right this ship.” I will be your voice, your servant.

Wyo House District 18

Republican: Scott Heiner (Incumbent)

1. I have served in the Wyoming Legislature for the past four years. I am endorsed by Wyoming Right-to-Life, Gun Owners of America and U.S. Sen. Mike Lee of Utah.

The Center for Legislative Accountability gave me a 100% rating and the Institute for Legislative Analysis gave me an overall rating of 82% for limiting government.

I serve as vice-chairman of the House Minerals, Business and Economic Development Committee, co-chairman of the Select Federal Natural Resources Management Committee and am a member of the Federal Carbon Capture, Utilization and Storage Task Force.

2. I have fought against the Rock Springs BLM RMP, Greater Sage Grouse EIS and the BLM’s new Conservation Easement Leasing program to push back on the federal government’s efforts to shut down our



public lands, outdoor recreation and multiple-use of our state.

Especially now, we need strong legislators who will stand firm and protect the state of Wyoming from federal overreach.

3. I have not given up on coal and have been fighting to keep our coal mines in operation. The rich natural resources that are in Wyoming have fueled our education system and are largely responsible for the quality way of life that we currently enjoy.

We have the technology to continue to use fossil fuels with little to no emissions. Rather than turn our backs on these legacy natural resources, I believe we can capture the carbon from our coal-fired power plants and

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coupled with the Supreme Court rulings on education funding, will ensure we can fund education into the near future.

Remember, K-12 funding comes primarily from property taxes, not the state’s coffers and, of course, the minerals industry pays a large percentage of those property taxes. I have supported and sponsored residents’ property tax relief during my tenure in the House, and I will continue to support responsible property tax relief.

However, we cannot reduce property tax to the point local government is un-

able to provide important services, like plowing roads, providing senior services, or where we bankrupt K-12 funding.

4. I served on the House Appropriations Committee for four years, and I helped develop five state budgets and supplemental budgets.

During that time, we had significant revenue shortfalls, and I helped cut \$900 million from those budgets. It was incredibly difficult.

We have a constitutional mandate to have a balanced budget. Therefore, we cut in times of shortfall, and we address needs in times of surplus. This is much like any small business or ranch.

Wyoming can maintain fiscal stabil-

ity by supporting its core industries of natural gas, oil, trona, coal, agriculture and tourism; fostering emerging industries; and looking to the future through economic development. We need to find businesses willing to relocate to Wyoming, hopefully small-town Wyoming, while keeping our state the Wyoming we love.

The investment income generated from Wyoming’s Permanent Mineral Trust Fund provides nearly one-third of our general fund revenue. The legislature’s prudent fiscal policy and our ability to save money will keep our taxes low, while providing much needed services to Wyoming’s citizens.

Republican: Tom Crank

1. I am Tom Crank, and I am running to become the representative for Wyoming House District 18. It was my pleasure to have previously represented House District 18 from 2017 through 2020.

My experience includes 30 years as a business owner, 42 years of private engineering and land survey practice, six years as a Lincoln County representative on the Upper Green River Basin Joint Power Water Board and the last three and a half years serving on the Lincoln County Planning and Zoning Board.

In my professional role, I have

worked for nearly all of the local communities in southwest Wyoming, along with several of our large industrial plants and mines. I have been active in the community for over 40 years and have always been open to meeting people and learning new things.

2. We need to look at local manufacturing and services that sell to the world. I feel we currently have adequate transportation to get our products out, but more capital investment is needed to develop products.

New opportunities are now on the horizon for Kemmerer, Green River



and Evanston. We will need to take advantage of them as they happen and develop products that contribute to their success.

But we need to expand these to the small communities of Granger, Opal, Cokeville, Bear River and McKinnon. The small communities just don't have enough foot traffic to keep a variety of businesses afloat. They must look to sell to the outside world, either manufactured, grown or attracted by tourism.

3. A considerable source of education funding comes from constitutionally-driven requirements. An in-

depth review of the sale and leasing of state properties needs followed to make sure school trust land brings in the most revenue it can.

Energy is still being produced, so a shift on how we tax it should (and has been) be looked at. Raising the tax on per kilowatt produced/sold would help. Tax incentive for production with more Wyoming developed support facilities and equipment. Sales tax on those types of items could go to schools.

The real problem remains that

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Wyo House District 19

Republican: Jon Conrad (Incumbent)

1. Proven conservative leadership, accountability and results; Wyoming House of Representatives House District 19; retired MSgt. of 21 years.

Commander of VFW; Member of American Legion; chairman of Wyoming Workforce Development Council; vice chairman of Wyoming Parole Board; vice chairman

of Uinta County School District No. 4 Board of Trustees; vice chairman of the Uinta County Economic Development Commission; member of the Wyoming Agriculture in the Classroom; steering committee member on the Uinta County Suicide Prevention Coalition, board member of the Wyoming Economic Development Association;

chairman of the Wyoming Mining Association Regulatory Affairs Committee; vice chairman of the Essential Mining Association-North America Environmental Subcommittee. Degrees in aircraft avionics, mechanical engineering and a master's degree in business administration.

2. Grow the tourism and outdoor recreation sectors'

contributions to Wyoming's economy through promoting, increasing, enhancing, and supporting inclusive tourism and outdoor recreation programs and train a qualified and diverse workforce.

Commit to a long-term process of finding solutions, including the development of



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Affordable Housing

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Be Fiscally Responsible & Accountable

Support First Responders, Infrastructure

Maintain our Roads, Water, & Sewer

MY JOB IS TO SUPPORT YOU

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also build coal-to-ammonia plants that will have zero emission,s while still providing for America's energy needs.

I believe the future of Wyoming looks bright for future generations if we don't allow the federal government to shut down our natural resources.

4. Government spending has historically grown much faster than inflation in the

state of Wyoming. If we just slow the growth of government spending, we will not have future revenue shortfalls. This doesn't mean that we need to cut any existing government programs.

We just need to stop the

double-digit growth in government spending that has happened for many years in Wyoming. Wyoming is a conservative state, now we just need to have a conservative legislature to represent the people.

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nesses that might relocate to Wyoming.

3. In question two above, I spoke to nuclear fuels, that opens a door to more mining; but, more importantly, to processing and sending power out of state. There is a real issue with how property taxes are set with a constitutional requirement for all property to be taxed on an equal basis.

Ensuring business is not overly burdened with taxation is important. To the

extent our business environment is active and vital, our education system can be properly funded.

4. The start is to control spending. The way appropriations are currently developed actually limits the ability of individual senators and representatives to get down into the details.

Despite some 50 or even 60 amendments offered up on any given budget as presented to the entirety of the bodies, the real meat is developed in committee at a level where most legislators do not have detailed visibility.

The Wyoming Legislature, as a body, needs an ability to get down into the details and apply a sense of controlling spending.

Our savings accounts provide a cushion, as intended, but should a serious, extended national economic downturn occur, could be exhausted.

It is seductive for current spending to rise to the level of revenues available; such thinking leads to the historic boom and bust cycle Wyoming has endured. Controlling spending in the present is required of the legislature.

Republican: Joe Webb

1. My entire adult working life has been about public service in various governmental entities: seven years, Wyoming Highway Patrol; nine years, Lyman Police Department; nine years, Uinta County School District No. 6 technology director; and 14 years as Uinta County School District No. 4's technology director.

Well over half of my years of service have been in leadership, where I have had to manage and serve people as well as manage budgets. I have followed the legislature for many years and have

been a regular attendee in the Uinta County Republican Party meetings for several years.

I have received the endorsements of Gun Owners of America and Wyoming Right to Life.

2. I fully support the free enterprise system, because once government becomes involved in private business, questionable things can happen. I fully support an environment wherein competition is the driving force of economics, not who you know in government.

One of our major concerns right now with free enterprise is federal



and even state government overreach through overly restrictive rules and regulations.

3. Wyoming's energy producing days are far from over. Wyoming produces 40% of our nation's energy. Clean, efficient and low-cost energy is essential to not only our state, but to our national security — and, in all reality, keeping our world safe.

Wyoming has not and does not have a revenue problem; it is our responsibility to wisely assess how money is being spent.

4. Once again, Wyoming does not have a revenue problem. How-

ever, Wyoming does have a spending problem. Because of the substantial revenues Wyoming has been blessed with, we have been on somewhat of a spending spree for many years.

The state of Wyoming needs a spending plan to limit the growth of state budgets in both good and lean economic years. Just because the state has excess revenue at times does not mean we should be looking to spend that money on "wants."

We do need to develop both short term and long-range plans to address the "needs" of Wyoming while being responsible to the citizens.

Wyo House District 49

Republican: Ryan Berger (Incumbent)

1. My name is Ryan Berger. As a resident of Wyoming my entire life, and as a resident of Evanston for over 35 years, I find myself very fortunate to be able to live and work in such a fine community. Also, I am honored to be able to serve the community as your current Wyoming House District 49 state representative.

I find myself very excited to represent you and our community again for the many challenges we face in our state today. I am a proven leader in the classroom, on the field of competition, at all levels and abilities, and I am an active member of our community.

Finally, I am a great listener, and I feel that listening to

the people of our community is a great quality to have.

2. In Wyoming, energy and agriculture will always have a strong place in driving our economy, but jobs come from all different types of industries. We must find ways to support industries like tourism and recreation, small businesses and manufacturing, and that is best done by keeping government bureaucracy and red tape out of the way, simplifying and reducing regulations to make it easier for businesses to start and operate in Wyoming.

There are ways to incentivize working smarter by encouraging state and local governments to work together on projects to get more done.



We also must do a better job of building a pipeline for kids who are ready to work in Wyoming. Enhancing vocational training and higher education programs to prepare residents for jobs

in emerging industries such as energy, healthcare, and information technology.

3. First of all, to tackle the education shortfalls in our state, you have to be a supporter of education at all levels — and I am.

I will support and work with our community leaders to come up with new ways for revenue that goes toward funding education. I also feel that the status quo for funding education has been working. It's not broken, and we just need to fund it appropriately, because our constitution requires it.

4. During my time in the Wyoming Legislature, I have worked hard for you — passing one of the smallest bud-

gets in state history and putting a record-breaking \$1.8 billion over the last two years into permanent savings, so that we can operate off the

growing interest. Now that is fiscally conservative! I believe the smallest government is best and should work for you — the people.

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revenue from minerals may not be enough. No one likes paying taxes, but neither do these industries. The fact is, something may need to give.

4. The question assumes that mineral extraction will continue to fall but, with some changes in federal government leasing and regulation, this assumption may

be avoided. Let's, however, assume it does not change. Then, as in the past, cutting government services has for the last decade been the answer to this problem.

Time goes on, things get more expensive, and the problem persists. We can look to cut where we can, but a revenue fix is needed. We all know what has happened with property tax reform,

so additional property tax increases soon are probably out of the picture.

Given the restrictions the Wyoming constitution places on taxation, we are pretty much limited to sales tax as the only equitable solution. How we look to mix up exempt items (food, for example), will in my opinion, be the real debate. Everyone pays sales tax, so it is more

equitable than property tax.

No one wants more taxes, so the best laid plans in this committee often get killed on the floor.

If elected, I would like to serve on the Revenue Committee, become better educated in what we can do and help find a solution to this long-standing problem. It is a tough problem that needs to be figured out equitably.

☒ VOTE

RYAN BERGER

HOUSE 49





A Conservative Problem Solver with integrity, who is committed to the people of Evanston and Uinta County.

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Republican: Robert Wharff

1. The constitutional requirements are being a US/Wyoming citizen for a minimum of one year, and I am a registered Republican.
2. Deregulation is the only involvement government should have in diversifying the economy.
3. Re-evaluation of the education spending models.
4. We have an adequately-funded rainy day fund. And we must also address our reckless spending habits.

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the information, tools, planning and infrastructure. Advance manufacturing by establishing a state advanced manufacturing cluster champion.

Brand and relentlessly market Wyoming’s advanced manufacturing economy while promoting and incentivizing advanced manufacturing industry to create modern apprenticeship and training programs.

Evaluate development of healthcare and telemedicine medical education facilities to train physicians, physician’s assistants, nurses, nurse aides, etc., with a focus on developing

providers with expertise in rural healthcare, primary care, elder care, and telemedicine/telehealth.

Develop a thriving entrepreneurial ecosystem by fostering connectivity between entrepreneurs, investors, mentors and talent; provide resources for mentoring, marketing, legal, and other business coaching services; help develop incubators, accelerators, coworking spaces and maker spaces; and manage grants.

3. Several strategies could be considered: A) Diversification of revenue sources: Reduce dependence by diversifying the state’s income streams. This could involve promoting other industries such as tourism, technology, agriculture, and manufacturing.

B) Establishment of a stabilization fund: Create a dedicated fund that captures surplus revenues during periods of high energy prices that could be used to supplement education funding during downturns.

C) Efficiency and cost savings: Implement measures to improve efficiency, reduce costs within the education system itself resulting in resource allocation, eliminating inefficiencies, and leveraging technology for cost-effective solutions.

D) Public-private partnerships (PPPs): Foster partnerships that involve corporate sponsorships, donations, or collaborative projects that benefit both parties and contribute to educational funding.

E) Grant Programs and Federal Support: Seek federal grants/funding opportunities that can supplement state resources for education, particularly those aimed at supporting states with unique economic challenges.

F) Long-term Planning and Budgeting: Proactive approach for better management of funding priorities and ensures stability in education funding over time.

G) Education Funding Reform: Evaluate and potentially reform the current education funding mechanisms to make them more resilient to economic fluctuations.

H) Community and Stakeholder Engagement: Engage stakeholders, including educators, parents, businesses, local communities, in discussions about sustainable funding.

4. Fluctuating mineral extraction revenues requires a multifaceted approach:

A) Diversifying revenue streams: This could involve incentivizing industries such as technology, tourism, renewable energy, and agriculture. Encouraging small business growth can also contribute to a more stable revenue base.

B) Budgetary prudence: Implementing strict budgetary controls and maintaining a healthy reserve fund are crucial.

C) Tax policy adjustments: Consider adjusting tax policies to ensure fairness and adequacy. Periodic reviews of tax structures, exemptions, and rates to align with economic realities and ensure all sectors contribute proportionately.

D) Investing in infrastructure: Prioritize infrastructure investments that can stimulate economic growth in non-extractive industries.

E) Long-term planning: Develop a long-term fiscal plan that accounts for both boom and bust cycles in mineral revenues. This involves forecasting future revenue trends and preparing contingency plans accordingly.

F) Public-private partnerships (PPPs): Explore opportunities for PPPs to finance infrastructure projects and other initiatives. Leverage private sector expertise and capital while sharing risks and rewards.

G) Efficiency measures: Continuously seek efficiency improvements in operations to optimize spending and maximize the impact of available resources.

H) Emergency preparedness: Establishing protocols for responding to revenue shortfalls ensures Wyoming can react swiftly and effectively to economic downturns without compromising essential services.

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- Primary sponsor to fund the Wyoming 988 suicide hotline and funding to address the mental health crisis
- Defends Wyoming families and children by passing legislation to prohibit child gender reassignment surgery
- Passed legislation to empower parents’ voices within our education system

Fighting Federal Overreach

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Questions for city and county office:

1. What is your background, including your qualifications for the office you're seeking?
2. What are your top priorities for allocating city/county budget resources and how will you ensure fiscal responsibility?
3. How will you collaborate with state and federal agencies to advocate for the city's/county's interest and access resources for community development?
4. What measures will you take to ensure transparency in government operations and engage with constituents to address their concerns?

Evanston City Council

Ward 1: David M. Slaughter

1. I have lived in Evanston, Ward 1, for over five years. I am a nuclear/chemical engineer by training, and I own several Wyoming businesses, including a cattle ranch (for 25 years) in Mountain View. In those diverse activities, I manage people, financial resources and participate with all levels of government.

Kathy and I have an extended family that includes seven children and 29 grandchildren. I am active in a number of community projects and committees.

I own two downtown buildings in the historical district, and I invest in the arts. For example, I am renovating the 1880 build-



ing located in the historical downtown that will house The Masked Spirit, LLC, an art gallery featuring local artisans.

2. Resource allocation should assist in maintaining and/or enhancing the quality of life of our residents. The allocated funding should have a measurable metric to maximize its beneficiaries. A financial plan, including an easy-to-understand budget and schedule, should be available to the public.

While some activities may yield unanticipated challenges, the city must

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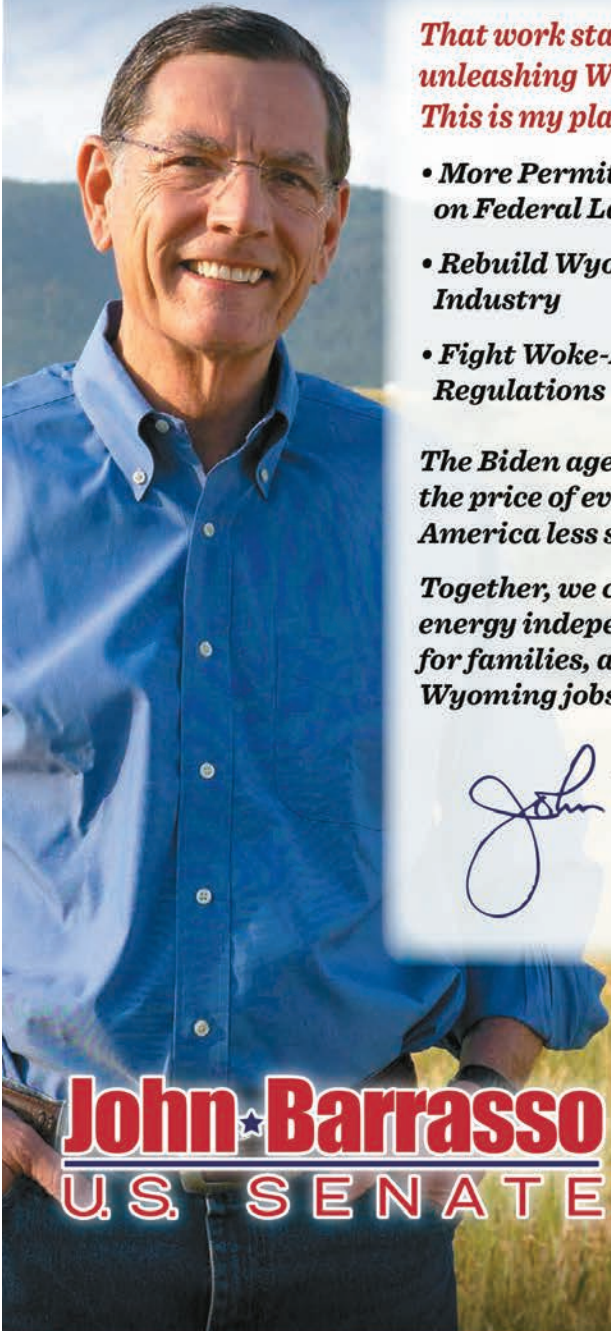
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Ward 1: Henry Schmidt

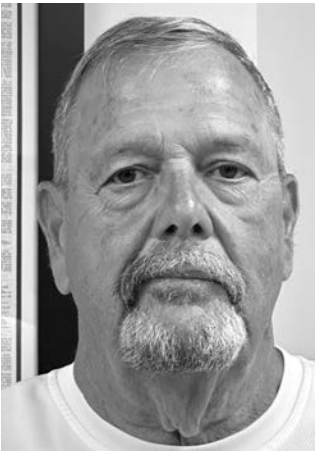
1. I retired from Sublette County Sheriff's Office after a 30-year career in law enforcement. I began my career with Uinta County Sheriff's Office in 1975, and continued a career in Lyman. I served as patrolman, followed by chief of police (1977-1989) before retiring in 2005 as undersheriff and deputy county coroner from the Sublette County Sheriff's Office.

Since 2005, and currently, I am a Team Adam consultant and instructor for the National Center for Missing & Exploited Children, searching for lost, injured or missing children across the US.

I co-authored NCMEC searches for critically-missing children; member of NecroSearch International, Uinta County Search and Rescue and currently assigned as a member of the Utah State Attorney General's Child Abduction Response Team and FEMA Disaster Response Team.

2. My priorities are as follows:

- Affordable housing: With our present economy, affordable housing, whether renting or buying a home, for a lot of young adults and families, is unattainable. It's a matter of juggling, do we eat, pay housing, utilities, or essentials for our children?
- We need to address this issue if Evanston is going to grow and prosper: by keeping families here.
- Economic growth: Actively seek new businesses, research available incentives, tax cuts or federal funding that will promote potential businesses to build in Evanston, we offer open areas for growth, easy access to interstate, trucking services, airport and possible rail access.
- Promote a partnership with these poten-



tial businesses to create jobs and spur growth in our community. Our vision should be to become a destination, not a stopover for gas and snacks.

Develop and support programs for our youth: We offer a variety of adult events but limited activities for the younger groups.

Historical preservation: Evanston heritage is an important aspect of who we are and our beginnings that needs to be preserved as a reminder of the history of Evanston and what makes it unique. The Roundhouse, water tower, Wyoming State Hospital are examples of our history.

3. Support and fiscal responsibility is a key to meeting and maintaining the City of Evanston's goals and needs for growth and economic development as well as supporting our first responders, infrastructure, maintenance, and the health, safety and welfare of our residents.

It's our job to meet your expectations to seek growth, develop and support local businesses, seek all funding opportunities available, promote new business growth and meet our fiscal responsibilities. In my career I have sought and written state and federal grants seeking funding for Lyman, Mountain View and Sublette counties to support our missions and fund long-term projects for our communities.

4. Transparency is key to our community's growth and understanding of what and how we as elected officials are meeting community needs and welcome all to participate in our decision-making process and working with fellow Council members and Mayor to address your concerns.

Ward 1: Mikal Welling

1. My name is Mikal D. Welling, I am running for city council Ward 1. I was born and raised in Evanston and have lived here my entire life. I am married to Jenny, and we have five kids.

I have ten years' experience in small business ownership. I was employed by Chevron USA for 11 years as a designer, MOC administrator and lead power user. I was employed by Rocky Mountain Power for six years as a senior designer.

I currently do the most important job of educating our youth in our community as a drafting/AutoCAD teacher at Evanston High School. I served

on the Evanston Fire Department 18 years and was department secretary and treasurer. I served for 10 years as a certified Intermediate EMT with the Uinta County Ambulance.

I have experience in budgeting, audits, bid proposals, personnel management, communication skills, and personnel training. I feel that I have a strong moral and ethical compass that has and will benefit our community.

My leadership skills include honesty, integrity, dependability, business minded, transparent, fiscally responsible and organizational.

I previously served on the city council for four years and on the hous-



ing authority board as chairman for six years.

2. I am a firm believer in creating a business-friendly environment that will attract new companies and help our current ones be successful. Economic development is a team effort, it cannot be achieved by one person alone.

We need to maintain and improve our infrastructure, which is vital to economic development. Being a life-long resident, I have a vested interest in preserving our history while at the same time entertaining new ideas in helping establish new businesses.

I feel that it is important to make Evanston a place that our children will want to return to, to work, start new businesses and raise their families.

As a top priority, I feel that we need to be fiscally responsible with the taxpayers' money and be responsible for how each penny is allocated.

3. I feel that building a relationship with state, federal and local agencies is a must to be able to advocate for our great community and the interests of our citizens. I will strive to work with these agencies and with those who provide grants and allocate monies to better our community and assist in its

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hold the responsible parties to their contract obligations to avoid or minimize the possibility of financial deficits. The city ordinances must be up to date and the antiquated ones removed to ensure fair and consistent application.

Priority For Evanston Residents:

- Increase the number and diversity of well-paying jobs that will assist in the retention of our young adults.
- Encourage and assist in increasing the number of well-planned Evanston communities with consideration to affordable housing

suitable for the service-sector of our constituency.

- Discuss options to provide physical and mental healthcare for those high-risk residents.

Priority For Evanston Businesses:

- Encourage tourism by reestablishing our southwest gateway to Wyoming's beauty and recreation offerings.
- Encourage and assist in the growth of Wyoming "trades" for private and public infrastructure projects.
- Reclaim for use of the State of Wyoming abandoned buildings (i.e., Historic Wyoming State Hospital)

3. I have a record of interactions with federal, Wyoming state and

Uinta County in my profession and business/ranching activities that will assist in the advocacy of Evanston and Ward 1 constituents.

Because we do not live in a vacuum, I will also seek economic opportunities that can also have a shared benefit to Uinta County. As a former university professor, I have successfully sought funding for engineering research; thus, I have experience developing and writing proposals for state and federal funding.

I also recognize that working in a diverse group means the need to compromise for the strength of the whole. Together, we can create new and sustain existing economic opportunities that yield a satisfying,

safe, and productive environment for Evanston's residents and businesses.

4. Let me discuss two processes, if improved, will contribute to Evanston's success, the City's annual budget process, and the Planning and Zoning Commission activities.

- I want an "open door" approach to the annual budget so the constituency can participate and better understand the elements of the budget. At the beginning, precinct meetings with your council persons should be held detailing the budgetary process. Also, specific requests for the precinct's needs can be discussed. Follow-up meetings and schedule with the entire City council should be available with instructions on how to participate.

I would like to see these meetings use video conferences be held (i.e., Zoom) to maximize participation.

- I want to Improve the responsiveness of the Planning and Zoning Commission to ensure that the resident and commercial interests are properly balanced. Hearings must have full disclosure of information by the public and commission members. After the hearing is closed no new information may be added by the public or commission members. (If a topic was not presented and discussed during the hearing it cannot be considered during deliberation. The P&Z shall have basic rules to analyze hearing testimony and ranking its importance to the proposed action before voting.

Ward 2: Michael "Mike" Sellers (Incumbent)

1. I have a 23-year record of public service to the citizens of Evanston and Uinta County which includes nine years on the planning and zoning board, eight years on the Evanston City Council, six years on the Uinta County Veterans Board.

In addition, while serving in these major roles, I am also a member of the Rotary Club of Evanston, the Uinta County Suicide Task Force, the Lincoln-Uinta Revolving Fund, and the Uinta County Recycling Board. These elected and appointed positions allow me to better understand the needs of our great city and make better decisions that will impact Evanston's future for the positive.

My 36-year career as a nurse, 19 of those spent in Evanston, along with running a successful business in Evanston for the past 30 years, allows me to understand the unique challenges that face our community from many perspectives.

2. The top priorities for allocating our local resources include maintaining and improving our city infrastructure and improving the environment to allow current businesses to expand and bring new business to our com-

munity.

The budgeting and yearly auditing process assures that the taxpayer dollars are used in the way intended. Any variation from the budget needs to be approved by the council again, assuring another level of checks and balances.

My goal is to have the best outcome from each tax dollar spent. The more we can include the private sector in the development of our infrastructure through growth and development is beneficial to both the developer, business and the city.

3. It's important to make sure our voice is heard when there are items being considered from federal, state and county agencies. We can't bury our heads in the sand and let others, especially other government entities, determine what is best for Evanston.

A current example of this is the state making decisions on the old Wyoming State



Hospital campus. My understanding in listening to state leaders is that their options are limited without involvement from the city.

It's my understanding that there are four proposals from groups that want to develop the grounds that are currently on hold, because of lack of communication between the city and the state.

One option I'm aware of is a trade school that would use some of the older buildings as their hands-on training facility. There are many options and, as one who is an investor, I see so much opportunity for growth in the community, through interaction with the state.

If done correctly, we can take the opportunity without having the liability as we work with the state to facilitate getting in the hands of private developers for a mixed-use development. We, as the city, do not need to

take on ownership or risk taxpayer dollars to be involved and help facilitate the process.

4. To ensure transparency and engage with concerns of the public, it is important to be willing to discuss all issues with your constituents. It is important to take all calls and impromptu questions received from those you are serving.

Having open communication is the best way to engage and ensure transparency. Honestly answering questions or being willing to find answers you do not know keeps things above the line and builds our community to the next level.

No one has all the answers, to assure that what I are doing for the city in relationship to the council position, it is important for me assure that I listen to all perspectives. This helps assure the best possible outcomes, including assuring better transparency.

As a city council person, I feel it is important to be at as many public functions as possible. This gives the public opportunity to engage with you on neutral ground, allowing for better communication when there is concern or questions the public may have.

Ward 2: Frank Sheets

Frank Sheets did not respond to our questionnaire despite multiple attempts to contact him.

Ward 2: Kyle Thompson

Kyle Thompson did not respond to our questionnaire despite multiple attempts to contact him.

Ward 3: Evan R. Perkes (Incumbent)

Evan Perkes did not respond to our questionnaire despite multiple attempts to contact him.

Ward 3: Shawn Saban

Shawn Saban did not respond to our questionnaire despite multiple attempts to contact him.

Lyman Town Council

Eric Quinney (Incumbent)

Eric Quinney did not respond to our questionnaire despite multiple attempts to contact him.

Jimmy Bramlett (Incumbent)

1. As a former employee of the Town of Lyman (1990-1997), I was given the opportunity to gain an understanding of the working relationship between the town and its government.

For the past two years I have had the privilege of serving on the town council. Through this time of service, I have had the opportunity to become better acquainted with town employees as well as citizens of our community.

2. Not only as a former employee, but as a current council member, I have had the privilege of helping structure an operating budget as well as identifying priorities throughout our community which need current and future fiscal dedication.

I had the opportunity of partaking in an eight-hour course offered by the Department of Audit for the state of Wyoming. With

this, it gave me a better insight into state regulations to properly allocate monies in our community.

3. I will collaborate with the mayor and fellow council members, as well as department supervisors to gain an understanding of available resources such as state grants and local impact assistance through future business development. This gives us the opportunity to look forward to future projects such as street upgrades, as well as wastewater and potable water infrastructure needs.

4. It has always been a great pride of mine to be transparent in the operations of our local government. We are directed by and for our constituents. I am continually inviting and recommending our citizens to participate in our local meeting, which gives them a window into the operations of their local government.

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Mountain View Mayor

Bryan Ayres (Incumbent)

Bryan Ayres did not respond to our questionnaire despite multiple attempts to contact him.

Mountain View Town Council

Tori Carter (Incumbent)

Tori Carter did not respond to our questionnaire despite multiple attempts to contact her.

Michael Tims

Michael Tims did not respond to our questionnaire despite multiple attempts to contact him.

Bear River Mayor

Clyde Kofoed

Clyde Kofoed did not respond to our questionnaire despite multiple attempts to contact him.

Lance Norris

1. Hi, my name is Lance Norris, and I am running for mayor of the Town of Bear River. My wife and I moved to Bear River 15 years ago, and now have our own business in

the area. We have four kids, and we love to spend time on adventures with them when we are not working.

I have been on the town council since 2017, and I have also served on the Uinta County Joint Powers Board for Fire and Ambulance.

I am seeking this position because I believe I can help make a difference in our community.

2. At 23 years old, the Town of Bear River is one of the newest towns in Wyoming. I want to see to it that we continue to build on the legacy of those who worked to create the town and keep making improvements to infrastructure and maintenance equipment.

Our roads are maintained better than they



ever have been before because of our staff and the access that they have to quality equipment.

3. The Town of Bear River has successfully worked with agencies to gain access to funding in the past, and I will continue to advocate for federal and state resources that improve the quality of life in our community along with the safety of our citizens.

4. The staff at the Town of Bear River already has transparent processes in place. Each town meeting is available to view live, newsletters are distributed to the citizens every month, updates are periodically made on Facebook (we could use more followers), and all public records are available by contacting the town clerk.



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Bear River Town Council

Troy Nolan (Incumbent)

Troy Nolan did not respond to our questionnaire despite multiple attempts to contact him.

Nicolas White

Nicolas White did not respond to our questionnaire despite multiple attempts to contact him.

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preservation and development.

4. As a former city council member, I feel that this is extremely important in serving

the community. I am able to be completely transparent and willing to listen to and work with my constituents as well as the other members of this great community.

I feel that I am very ap-

proachable and have an open door policy. I love to meet with people and get to know them, find out their concerns and listen to any ideas that they may have.

I would encourage the

members of this community to be involved, attend council meetings, express concerns and share ideas. We can all work together to make Evanston an even greater community.

Questions for Congressional candidates:

1. What is your background, including your qualifications for the office you're seeking?
2. What specific policies or initiatives do you plan to support to address the

unique challenges faced by rural communities in Wyoming, such as access to healthcare, infrastructure development and economic diversification?

3. Rural communities often face challenges in accessing healthcare services. What policies will you advocate for

to improve healthcare access and affordability in rural areas of Wyoming?

4. How do you propose managing federal lands in Wyoming, considering the interests of multiple stakeholders including ranchers, conservationists, and outdoor recreation enthusiasts?

United States Senate

Democrat: Scott D. Morrow

1. I serve as an unpaid elected president of the largest retiree chapter chartered by the American Postal Workers Union (APWU) in this region. I previously served as the elected president of the 9th largest local Union of APWU. I followed that up with service as the elected director of industrial relations.

All these positions require an advanced knowledge of "Robert's Rules of Order," a voluminous book that closely resembles the 99-page Senate Rules. To be a successful senator you had better be able to read the rules, digest the rules and follow the rules. In all my officerships, I learned to negotiate, work on numerous committees. I was and am a fiduciary officer, budget officer and litigator when negotiations break down. I negotiated numerous local collective bargaining agreements with USPS management.

As the retiree chapter elected president, my constitutional duties are legislative and political as the main mission of the chapter. I have communicated hundreds of times with our Wyoming Congressional delegation.

In each case, the staff said they would pass it along even though the delegation voted 100% of the time against my current constituents. I advocated for and continue to pursue equality in forums like, but not limited to, EEOC, MSPB, etc.

2. It is not just Wyoming rural communities burdened with these challenging issues but all of rural America. The difference in Wyoming is that 37% of our brother and sister citizens are poor, many in the rural areas.

Wyoming refuses Medicaid expansion, leaving tens of thousands of us without adequate or affordable healthcare. I cannot force the legislature or the governor to do the moral thing regarding healthcare and poverty. I'll introduce legislation to have the federal taxpayers pick up the tab to shame the legislature and governor to expand Medicaid to all of our

poor and uninsured citizens by making Medicaid a program fully-funded by the feds.

I have come up with multiple ways to pay for this program, for example, trimming a few hundred billion from the world's largest, by far, military funding. Congress dished out \$847 billion via the National Defense Authorization Act for 2024, and to the most corrupt and wasteful agency in the history of the world.

If we continue to allow children in Wyoming and elsewhere to go to bed hungry, go without healthcare when we have the resources to turn this around, while funding the war industrial complex at levels more than the next highest eight countries war budgets combined, we must stipulate to being cruel with extreme moral bankruptcy.

3. Question two covered this. Medicaid expansion, Medicare for all, a public health option added to the PPACA (Obamacare) are just a few of the policies that will improve healthcare access and affordability in rural areas of Wyoming changing federal law to allow Medicare to negotiate drug prices.

We pay the highest prices in the world for life-saving medication and that includes our rural communities. The Inflation Reduction Act took the first step toward this, and I support going all the way.

Our congressional delegation voted against these provisions and have voted to repeal Obamacare. That would be going in the wrong direction. Please also look at my responses to question 2.

4. Stay the course. In this democracy, if you like democracy, the BLM regularly develops regulations to manage all these areas. Every citizen of Wyoming has an opportunity to comment on these proposals before they are codified into the Code of Federal Regulations.

It seems to me, based on the written correspondence I have

archived after receipt from our Congressional delegation, their priority is to lease the land to the dirty energy monopolies as cheaply as possible as they represent the rich and powerful.

I think leasing federal lands to ranchers to use for their cattle herds, etc., is actually helpful to the environment if done properly. Conservationists used to be a Republican thing but now seems to be more of a progressive position and a very important one at that.

I already mentioned the damage due to poor management to outdoor recreation enthusiasts like fishermen and hunters. We need to provide spaces for motorcyclists and quad users, in a smart way that fits in with the other interested users.

I have entered numerous comments on these issues accordingly when the federal register announces the comments period for relevant issues.



Republican: John Barrasso (Incumbent)

1. During my 24 years as an orthopedic surgeon in Casper, I served as President of the Wyoming Medical Society and was named Wyoming Physician of the Year. I've had decades of experience caring for patients and families across Wyoming.

Before serving in the U.S. Senate, I represented Natrona County in the Wyoming State Senate. The Wyoming Legislature trained me to effectively

represent the interests and advocate for the issues that matter most to our state.

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

national security, cut wasteful Washington spending, and fought against overreaching regulations.

2. As a doctor, I know how important it is to train the next generation of Wyoming physicians. During my time practicing medicine, I was honored to mentor young health care professionals early in their careers. In rural states



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Republican: John Holtz

1. 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 team to redesign 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.

My grandmother met my grandfather in Gillette in 1919, and her brothers had the livery stable.

My grandfather wouldn't let my dad

become a navy pilot because cousin Earl Holtz was killed in a crash with Doyen Wardwell, the head of the Wyoming Aeronautical Commission at the Casper airport in 1929. My dad had to enlist in the Marines in World War II.

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 a concealed weapon without a permit for Wyoming residents on the Wyoming Republican platform in 2010.

2. Government is best that governs least. I will strengthen America's defense and reduce the deficit. I would make Social Security

non-taxable once again. I would export our resources to Europe and Israel through the Straits of Gibraltar to broaden our opportunities. Wyoming is an energy treasure trove in an energy short world. Our natural resources should help our friends, not our enemies.

3. I have international experience and qualifications unmatched by others. I would cut social programs. I support Wyoming agriculture, absolutely.

4. I will follow the Constitution. I will strengthen America's defense and reduce the deficit and uphold the Constitution of the United States of America. I am not afraid to risk my career to do the right thing.

Republican: Reid Rasner

1. I am a lifelong Wyomingite. I began working at Wyoming Glass, a fourth-generation family-owned business, and attended the University of Wyoming. My experiences have given me a deep appreciation for what our state has to offer, as well as insight into the challenges we face.

As a financial advisor, I have witnessed the detrimental effects of federal military mandates during COVID, which caused millions of dollars in damage by eliminating pensions

and dishonorably discharging individuals who were faithfully serving our nation.

Frustrated by the inaction of current leaders, I decided to run for office to give a voice to those who have been trampled by big government. The path forward is to reduce government's size, not let it continue like the status quo has.

2. To address the unique challenges faced by rural communities, we need to encourage more private investment, cut tax rates,

increase investment opportunities, and streamline regulations. These measures will help supercharge Wyoming's economy and stimulate significant economic growth.

3. We must reform rural healthcare from the ground up. This involves moving away from the ACA and fostering a private, competitive healthcare market. Increased competition will lower prices, save taxpayers billions in the long run, and enhance the viability of local healthcare providers.



of limitations for malpractice claims to lower malpractice insurance costs, making it more feasible for local practitioners to maintain their practices.

4. We need to allow the state to manage federal lands. The state has demonstrated the capability to handle these affairs more effectively, while the federal government has often mismanaged lands elsewhere.

The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) is not equipped to oversee this extensive amount of land.

Additionally, we should reduce the statute

tensive amount of land.

Laura Taliaferro

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like Wyoming, it can be challenging to train, recruit and retain physicians to practice in our communities.

I've introduced bipartisan legislation that provides incentives for urban hospitals to send residents to train at rural health care facilities. This is a critical step in getting more doctors to rural areas to provide the highest quality of care to our patients in Wyoming and across America.

3. Rural health clinics and frontier hospitals across Wyoming work hard every day to provide our rural communities with primary care close to home. I am committed to helping to ensure all patients receive high-quality care.

As co-chairman of the Senate Rural Health Caucus, one of my top priorities is improving access to health care in communities across our state. Rural health clinics in Wyoming have faced outdated and burdensome regulations for far too long.

That's why I introduced bipartisan legisla-

tion to modernize the 30-year-old law governing rural health clinics across the country. It would provide rural clinics with guidance regarding the use of nurse practitioners and physician assistants, improve the ability of rural health clinics to provide mental health services, and remove outdated lab requirements.

4. In Wyoming, our livelihoods depend on preserving the health of our federal lands. Wyoming landowners and leaseholders have proven to be the best stewards of the land.

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

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

What Lester Hunt could teach us about our perilous political moment

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The Capitol Police officer didn't think much when U.S. Sen. Lester C. Hunt greeted him on the way to his office carrying a .22 caliber rifle. It was June 19, 1954. Security was looser then, before the towers fell, before the Jan. 6 riots. Before we began thinking the unthinkable.

Though he seemed in good spirits, the popular Democratic senator from Wyoming was thrashed. Public service can have that effect on the well-intended. Hunt was nearing the end of his first term amid the din of McCarthyism, a period pockmarked by suspicion, accusation and the demonization of political opponents. Hunt viewed Sen. Joe McCarthy as a liar and a drunk. He was appalled at the ease with which McCarthy bullied colleagues, exaggerated evidence, and played fast and loose with the truth.

I've been thinking a lot about Hunt lately, troubled as he was by the cruelty with which McCarthy and his cronies treated their political opponents. McCarthyism's tactics were not dissimilar to those of faceless political action committees which have infiltrated our state, a cowardly love child of the Wyoming Freedom Caucus who gin up the electorate with disinformation or blatant lies, its message a thumbeat of fear and tribalism.

This is not the way we do things in the West, Hunt must have thought. He arrived in the Senate in 1948 after a successful career as a state legislator, secretary of state, and two-term governor. He was a hard worker. He was quiet by nature, outspoken by necessity. This is the love language of those of us truly from the rural West.

There was something else troubling Hunt, more personal and deeply upsetting. A year earlier, his 25-year-old son, Lester "Buddy" Hunt was arrested in Washington D.C. on a "morals charge" for propositioning a male undercover police officer. Sen. Hunt and his wife Nathalie had sat through a blistering trial as the prosecutor described their child in the language of the day: a sexual deviant lacking in moral fiber. The judge concluded the trial stating the charge was "one of the most degrading that . . . [could] be made against a man."

Word of Buddy's crime would not land well back home. Wyoming, so steeped in the ethos of "Real Men," home to the original Marlboro



U.S. Sen. Lester Hunt's coffin lying in state in the rotunda of the Wyoming State Capitol. (Brammar Collection/ Wyoming State Archives)

Man, the very face of rugged masculinity, where men are tougher than the hides they ride. We are still that way. To make matters worse, it was an election year, and the Democrats had a one vote majority in the Senate. Hunt, who had never lost an election, was a sure bet to win.

Buddy's troubles were a gift to the Republicans. Sen. Hunt was ripe for exploitation and Republicans, eyeing a chance to control the Senate, pounced. Before Buddy's trial date Republican Sens. Herman Welker of Idaho and Styles Bridges of New Hampshire, allies of McCarthy, got a message with an ultimatum to Hunt: withdraw from the Senate race and Buddy's charge would be dropped. Seek reelection and Buddy would be prosecuted. All of Wyoming would know. They would make sure of that.

Let's simmer for a moment here, gauge the glee Welker and Bridges must have felt. Imagine. A senator's son caught red-handed in a career-killing homosexual act. It was not a good time to be gay. In 1948, Congress passed an act enabling the arrest and punishment of people who acted on same-sex desire, labeling homosexuals as "sexual psychopaths" likely to attack at any moment. Pull your children closer to your side.

Outwardly defiant, Hunt refused to be

blackmailed and pressed forward with his campaign and Buddy was prosecuted. Privately, he waffled. What followed was a year of torment. Welker and Bridges pummeled him with continuing threats, demanding he withdraw. The Democrats pressured him to stay in the game. He was wracked by guilt. He felt he had tossed his family into the arena, chum for the sharks. His apartment was ransacked, apparently by someone looking for something incriminating to use against the senator. He grasped for lifelines, confiding to a friend, "[F]act of the matter is I would appreciate some discouragement if I could get enough to justify my getting out of the game." This is a portrait of a tortured man. Several weeks after announcing his reelection campaign Hunt reversed his decision and announced his retirement.

It was everything all at once at the same time, a confluence of sorry events that found Hunt in his office that Saturday in June, 1954, gun in hand. A day earlier McCarthy announced he was planning a hearing to investigate an unnamed senator who had allegedly taken a bribe. The message was clear to Hunt: we're coming after you next, pal. After 6 years of Perpetua Horribilis, Hunt felt trapped, unable to continue in the Senate's circus but impossible to retreat. He died of a self-inflicted gunshot wound.

There is a throughline here: The capacity of humans to do horrible things to one another for personal gain and a corresponding inability of the principled to respond. Hunt was unprepared for big league treachery and the repugnant bite of McCarthyism, the nonsense witch hunts which had nothing to do with the bland business of running a country.

Perhaps the thoughtful are ill suited for politics. Hunt was an earnest public servant trying to do the right thing by his country, his constituents, and his family. He never wavered in his love and support for his son at tremendous personal and political cost. He was simply not borne for this gritty ring. His refusal to capitulate to the barbarians in his midst cost him his life.

Hunt is one face of the tragic consequences that accompany the degradation of civility. During the Army-McCarthy hearings, chief counsel for the U.S. Army famously castigated McCarthy for his cruelty and recklessness, "Have you no sense of decency?" It was the question which rerouted America's conscience. For a moment.

Maybe the general public did not recognize the dangerous precedent set by McCarthy's tactics, the lies and baseless accusations. But we should know better. Yet, seventy years later, we seem determined to add more names like Hunt to that dreadful register, further corroding our standards of decency. Have we learned nothing? So long as we continue to elect candidates who speak in the tongue of insults and scurry free with facts, those representatives remain the face of who we've become, a proxy for our worst instincts.

This is why the jackals are winning. There are two weeks to Wyoming's primary, a day which may likely solder the Freedom Caucus's control of the Wyoming Legislature. We are either lazy bystanders, unwilling to engage in the nasty business of public office or we are enablers of the unscrupulous. Ultimately, this unseemly chapter of history rests squarely on all our shoulders.

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We should all be suspicious of Joe Biden. Twelve states already have moratoriums against new nuclear construction. Wyoming should become number 13, until such time as

there is an operational permanent nuclear waste storage site.

3. Telehealth is one possibility. Another possibility is providing incentives for health-care professionals. Wyoming already does that for its medical students, who agree to practice medicine for three years in

Wyoming, in the WWAMI program.

Unfortunately, only about 65% of the students actually return to practice in Wyoming and the 35% or so that do not instead agree to pay the State back for their medical education. We could make it harder for doctors not to return to Wyoming

to practice, which could result in about 50 percent more new doctors for rural Wyoming.

4. I would not micromanage federal lands, which comprise about 50% of the lands within Wyoming. Hiring competent and knowledgeable people to manage the land is

the key, people that fully understand the various interests. We need competent, fair people in charge of management. I am Steve Helling, 2024 Wyoming Republican candidate for U.S. House. My email address is fightlikeHELLINGforcongress@outlook.com.