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Tracy Good, chief deputy for the Natrona County Clerk, lays out test ballots on voting machines in preparation for machine testing at the Natrona County Road and Bridge office in Mills.

No foes

The candidates listed below do not have an opponent in either the primary or general elections, and will likely secure their seats following the Nov. 4 election.

Cynthia Cloud, Republican, Wyoming Auditor
Curt Meier, Republican, Senate District 3
Chris Rothfuss, Democrat, Senate District 9
Larry Hicks, Republican, Senate District 11
John Hastert, Democrat, Senate District 13
Leland Christensen, Republican, Senate District 17
R. Ray Peterson, Republican, Senate District 19
Bruce Burns, Republican, Senate District 21
Hans Hunt, Republican, House District 2
Dan R. Kirkbridge, Republican, House District 4
Sue Wilson, Republican, House District 7
Bob Nicholas, Republican, House District 8
Lee Filer, Democrat, House District 12
Cathy Connolly, Democrat, House District 13
Kermit C. Brown, Republican, House District 14
Donald Burkhardt, Republican, House District 15
Ruth Ann Petroff, Republican, House District 16
Albert Sommers, Republican, House District 20
Robert McKim, Republican, House District 21
Elaine D. Harvey, Republican, House District 26
Mike Greear, Republican, House District 27
Nathan Winters, Republican, House District 28
Norine A. Kasperik, Republican, House District 32
Tom Walters, Republican, House District 38
Stan Blake, Democrat, House District 39
James W. Byrd, Democrat, House District 44
Rosie Berger, Republican, House District 51
Lloyd Charles Larsen, Republican, House District 56
David R. Miller, Republican, House District 55
Tim Stubson, Republican, House District 56
Tom Reeder, Republican, House District 58

Primary finals

For these races, the Democratic Party failed to find a candidate for the position. Therefore, the winner from the Republican primary noted below will likely claim the general election, as well.

Wyoming Secretary of State
Wyoming Treasurer
Senate District 1
Senate District 5
Senate District 23
Senate District 27
Senate District 29
House District 1
House District 3
House District 5
House District 24
House District 25
House District 29
House District 30
House District 34
House District 35
House District 37
House District 40
House District 43
House District 47
House District 50
House District 52
House District 53
House District 57

Easy warm-up

The candidates listed below do not have an opponent in the primary and will automatically advance to the general election.

Richard Grayson, Democrat, U.S. House
Pete Gosar, Democrat, Governor
Mike Ceballos, Democrat, Superintendent of Public Instruction
Stephan Pappas, Republican, Senate District 7
Dameione S. Cameron, Democrat, Senate District 7
Bret McCoy, Democrat, Senate District 15
Liz Batton, Democrat, House District 6
Mike Weiland, Democrat, House District 9
Gaylan D. Wright Sr., Democrat, House District 10
Phil Regeski, Republican, House District 11
Mary Throne, Democrat, House District 11
Stephen Watt, Republican, House District 17
JoAnn Dayton, Democrat, House District 17
Michele Irwin, Democrat, House District 18
Pete Roitz, Democrat, House District 19
Marti Halverson, Republican, House District 22
Natalia Macker, Democrat, House District 22
Andy Schwartz, Democrat, House District 23
Billy Montgomery, Democrat, House District 31
Gerald S. Gay, Republican, House District 36
Donna Roof, Republican, House District 41
Ken A. Esquibel, Democrat, House District 41
Gary L. Datus, Democrat, House District 42
Charles (C.J.) Young, Republican, House District 45
Charles F. Pelkey, Democrat, House District 45
Glenn Moniz, Republican, House District 46
Mike Selmer, Democrat, House District 46
Mark Baker, Republican, House District 48
Joe Barbuto, Democrat, House District 48
Larissa Sneider, Democrat, House District 49
Bunky Loucks, Republican, House District 59
Laurie Longtine, Democrat, House District 59
Bill Hooley, Republican, House District 60
John L. Freeman, Democrat, House District 60

In Natrona County

► The following Natrona County Republicans are unopposed in both the primary and general elections: Michael A. Blonigen, district attorney; Connie Smith, assessor; Gen Turna, clerk of district court; Connie Jacobson, coroner; Renea Vitto, county clerk; and Tom Doyle, treasurer.
► Democrat Steve Gaylord will meet Republican incumbent Gus Holbrook in the Natrona County Sheriff general election race.
► No primary was needed for the Bar Nunn mayoral race. Patrick Ford and Jerry Petty advance.
► No primary was needed for the Bar Nunn Town Council. Two seats are open, so the three candidates — Joshua Bake, Robert William Hoover and Teri Kelly — advance to the general election.
► Evansville Mayor Phil Hinds and Mills Mayor Marrolyce Wilson are unopposed in both the primary and general elections.
► What about school board, Casper College and the optional 1-cent tax? Those races and measures will be on the Nov. 4 ballot.

Endorsements

The Casper Star-Tribune editorial board endorses the following candidates for primary races in Wyoming. For full editorials, videos of candidate interviews and primary previews, as well as complete election coverage, visit trib.com/election.

U.S. Senate



Sen. Mike Enzi (GOP): Wyoming's senior senator has shown time and again he's an effective behind-the-scenes operator. Enzi ably represents his constituents, reflecting their values in his steadfast opposition to Obamacare and his defense of Wyoming's share of Abandoned Mine Lands funds.



Charlie Hardy (Democrat): Hardy faces an uphill battle in Republican Wyoming. Yet we admire the energy he's bringing to his campaign. A former Catholic priest, he's emphasized the importance of helping the less fortunate. He's head and shoulders above his opposition.

U.S. House



Rep. Cynthia Lummis (GOP, no Democratic primary): Lummis is still awash in the work of Wyoming in Washington, brimming with plans she'll pursue if she's re-elected by voters. Her plans, for Wyoming, are worthy ones.

Governor



Gov. Matt Mead (GOP, no Democratic primary): Gov. Mead has improved Wyoming, charting critical courses for the state's energy and water, while continuing or crafting nation-leading policies that ward off business-stifling federal regulations. When necessary, he's sued the federal government to fight back against overreach. No other GOP candidate has shown Mead's ability to find practical solutions while maintaining core values and a long-term vision.

Superintendent of public instruction



Jillian Balow (GOP, no Democratic primary): Balow is a tough, smart and versatile candidate with a diverse background through which she's earned the tools she'll need to supervise a large staff, succeed within the government and work with legislators.

Secretary of state



Pete Illoway (GOP, no Democratic primary): Illoway has a broad range of experience, most notably as a state legislator, where he served as chairman of the house committee that deals with many of the issues faced by the Secretary of State's Office, and on the Wyoming Business Council. He's deeply familiar with the issues the secretary of state will face and has proven his ability and interest in engaging on them.

Treasurer



Treasurer Mark Gordon (GOP, no Democratic primary): Gordon's developed an excellent range of experience to qualify him for the job. He owns or co-owns a number of ranches and has served on the Environmental Quality Council, in the energy industry and was a director of the Federal Reserve Bank of Kansas City. It's an impressive resume, and one that gives him a well-rounded, Wyoming-grounded background in dealing with state investments.

Local Senate seats

Senate District 27
Bill Landen
Senate District 29
Drew Perkins

Local House seats

House District 35
Ed Opella (GOP)
House District 36
Eric Nelson (Democrat)
House District 37
Steve Harshman (GOP)
House District 57
Tom Lockhart (GOP)

Natrona County Commission

(GOP, no Democratic primary)
John Lawson
Rob Hendry
Steve Schlager

Casper City Council

Ward 1: Robin Mundell
Ward 2: No candidate
Ward 3: Kenyne Schlager, Ray Pacheco

About this guide

Casper Star-Tribune reporters compiled information on the primary candidates and asked candidates from the same races the same series of questions.

Most of the responses were submitted via email; some were done by phone or in person. Responses were limited to 150 words for each question. The responses to the questions are reprinted as submitted without editing. Some editing was done to the biographical candidate information for space and formatting purposes.

Each candidate was given multiple opportunities to participate. We thank those candidates for running for office and for sharing their stances with our statewide audience.

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