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County Clerk Announces July 21st Start of Primary Election Absentee and Early Voting

LARAMIE COUNTY, WY- Wyoming's Primary Election Day is August 18, but voters may cast their ballots early beginning Tuesday, July 21, when the Laramie County Clerk opens the polling place in the atrium of the county building at 309 W. 20th Street in Cheyenne.

Clerk Debra Lee said the atrium polling site will be open to voters from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, from July 21 through August 17, except for county holidays. Voters will enter the atrium door on Carey Avenue to vote or register. Sample ballots will also be available for voters.

Lee said the most significant change for voters this year is the length of the ballot. "Voters will consider some 19 contests and 14 Sixth Penny ballot propositions. It's a long ballot, and voters should know how they want to mark their choices before arriving at the polling place," she said. Unprepared voters, she cautioned, will lead to long lines.

New registrants are required to provide proof of identity, U.S. citizenship and Wyoming residency. Other requirements are age 18 by the date of the election, not adjudicated mentally incompetent, and if convicted of a felony, voting rights must have been restored. A valid Wyoming driver's license or Wyoming ID satisfies the eligibility requirements. Those without a Wyoming license or ID may produce a combination of alternative documents, which may be found on the Secretary of State's website. Lee advises new registrants to carefully review the eligibility requirements in advance.

Wyoming law requires all voters to present an acceptable ID to receive a ballot at the polls. Acceptable IDs include Wyoming driver's license, Wyoming ID, student ID from the University of Wyoming, a Wyoming community college or public school ID, an out-of-state driver's license or ID, a valid U.S. passport, a U.S. military ID, tribal ID, or valid Medicare or Medicaid card. Those who do not have an ID for voting may obtain one for free from the Wyoming Department of Transportation Driver's Services, 777-3835.

The Clerk's office announced there will be Saturday early voting for all Laramie County voters on July 25 at satellite sites in Burns and Albin. Voting hours at the Burns Plex, 327 S Main, are 8:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. and at the Albin Community Center, 430 5th Ave., from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m.

Starting July 21, the Clerk's office will mail Primary Election absentee ballots to more than 2700 voters who have requested them. Voters may request an absentee ballot by calling the election office (307) 633-4242 or emailing election@laramiecountywy.gov with subject line Absentee *Your*

Name. Be sure to provide your name as it appears on the voter registration list, date of birth, residential address in the county, mailing address, party affiliation, and contact telephone number.

Lee reminds voters there are three types of ballots for the Primary Election –Democratic, Republican and nonpartisan. Voters will receive the ballot matching their voter registration. All voters, regardless of party affiliation, will receive a ballot containing the Sixth Penny ballot propositions.

For more information on elections, visit the Election page at <https://www.laramiecountywy.gov> or call (307) 633-4242. Voters can view and print their sample ballot by clicking the Ballot Lookup button on the Election page, entering their residence address, and selecting their party affiliation.

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Other Voter Resources:

Felon Restoration of Voting Rights: <https://corrections.wyo.gov/about-us/restoration-of-rights> or call (307) 777-2480

Wyoming Secretary of State: <http://soswy.state.wy.us/Elections/Default.aspx>

WY Voter Registration Qualifications and Requirements: <https://sos.wyo.gov/Elections/State/RegisteringToVote.aspx>

Wyoming Voter ID Law: <https://sos.wyo.gov/Elections/VoterID/Default.aspx>