



PRESS RELEASE

OFFICE OF THE LARAMIE COUNTY CLERK

Date: Nov. 4, 2016

Contact: 307-633-4264

Tuesday, November 8 is General Election Day

Laramie County voters to cast ballots in Vote Centers; polls open 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Laramie County voters may cast their ballot at any of the county's 13 Vote Centers on Tuesday, Nov. 8. Voters do not have to go to an assigned polling place based on their address.

“Voters are free to cast their ballot at the center that's most convenient. The same vote centers used in the August Primary will be used during the General Election,” said Laramie County Clerk

Debra Lee.

There are 13 vote centers in the county, 11 are in and around Cheyenne, one is in Pine Bluffs, and one is in Burns. The county clerk's website (<http://www.laramiecountyclerk.com/elections.aspx>) has a list of the centers and the Find A Vote Center application that will tell voters the locations of the closest centers and the estimated waiting time to cast their ballot.

Vote centers are: Storey Gym, 2811 House Ave; Kiwanis Community House, 4603 Lions Park Dr; VFW 1881, 2816 E 7th; Cheyenne Berean Church, 5716 Powderhouse Rd; Cheyenne Alliance Church, 5200 Ridge Rd; First Congregational Church, 3501 Forest Dr; Yellowstone Baptist Church, 9204 Yellowstone; LCCC CCI Building, 1400 E College Dr; David Romero Park, 1317 Parsley Blvd; Laramie County Fair, 3965 Archer Pkwy, 'M' Bldg; Burns Plex, 327 S Main; and Pine Bluffs Community Center, 708 Lawson St.



Clerk Lee said vote centers will have a “Vote Here” feather flag totem to help identify them. Centers will open at 7:00 a.m. on General Election Day, Nov. 8, and will close at 7:00 p.m. or until the last person in line at closing has voted. The largest of the centers, Storey Gym, will have 35 voting machines while the smallest, at Gilchrist Elementary, will have eight.

The clerk noted out that Wyoming law W.S. 22-2-111 entitles employees to receive one hour off to vote, with the hour selected at the convenience of the employer. The law is not applicable to an employee with three or more consecutive non-working hours during the time polls are open.

“First-time voters and those who recently registered by mail are required to bring a government-issued photo ID,” said Lee. She added that voters needing to change details on their registration, such as party affiliation, need to present an ID.

“In general, it’s good practice to bring your ID when you go to the polls. It helps the election judge identify a voter more quickly, and persons registering or needing to make changes to their registration will be asked for their ID,” Lee said.

The clerk also reminds voters, candidates, and proponents of ballot propositions that Wyoming law prohibits any form of campaigning within 100 yards of a polling place. Banned materials include any kind of campaign items--signs, literature, clothing. Violation of the law is a misdemeanor offense punishable to up to six months in jail, a fine of up to \$1000 or both.

“Please leave your campaign clothes and buttons at home when you go to vote. Our election judges will have voters remove or cover up any campaign items before entering the vote center,” said Lee.

As of Friday, Nov. 4 at 2:00 p.m., more than 11,000 voters had cast their ballots at the county’s early voting site in the Atrium of the county complex building, while over 3400 voters have mailed in their absentee ballots. With one day remaining for early voting, the number of voters casting their ballots early has already surpassed the number of early voters in the 2008 and 2010 presidential elections. Last day for voting early in the Atrium is Monday, Nov. 7.

Voters who have not yet returned their absentee ballots to the clerk’s office must do so no later than 7:00 p.m. on Nov. 8. By law, ballots arriving after 7:00 p.m. on Election Day will not be counted.

According to Clerk Lee, 88% of absentee voters have returned their ballots. Voters may drop off absentee ballots at the county clerk's office at 309 W 20th Street.

For more information on elections, call 633-4242 or visit the clerk's website at www.laramiecountyclerk.com

###