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#### LARAMIE COUNTY'S EARLY VOTERS TOP PREVIOUS MIDTERM TURNOUT

CHEYENNE— Turnout of voters casting ballots in advance of Tuesday's General Election has already surpassed those voting early in the 2010 and 2014 mid-term elections, according to Laramie County Clerk Debra Lee.

“With just one day remaining for early voting, more than 8000 people have already voted in the Atrium. That's a 91% increase over 2010 and a 61% increase over 2014,” said Lee. “We've also mailed out more ballots for this election than were sent during the two previous mid-term elections combined.”

Lee reminds voters that Monday is the last day to cast your ballot prior to Tuesday's General Election. On Tues., Nov. 6, voters will go to their choice of 13 vote centers in the county, picking the one that's closest to where they live or work or one that's less crowded.

The county has a “Find A Vote Center” app on its website where residents can find the most convenient center. The app also provides an estimated waiting time at each vote center on Election Day. To find your nearest vote centers and check waiting times, visit: <https://maps.laramiecounty.com/votecenters/>

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On Election Day, polls are open from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. or until the last person in line at 7:00 p.m. has voted. Each vote center will be marked with a “Vote Here” feather flag totem to help identify them.

The 13 vote centers are: **Storey Gym**, 2811 House Ave; **Kiwanis Community House**, 4603 Lions Park Dr; **VFW 1881**, 2816 E 7<sup>th</sup>; **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; **Gilchrist Elementary**, 1108 Happy Jack Rd.; **Laramie County Fair**, 3965 Archer Pkwy, ‘M’ Bldg; **Burns Plex**, 327 S Main; and **Pine Bluffs Community Center**, 708 Lawson St.

**Hour off to vote:** Lee noted 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.

**What to bring when you vote:** Although Wyoming does not have a voter ID law, the Clerk recommends voters bring their Wyoming driving license or other government-issued ID with them when they go to the polls. “In general, it’s good practice to bring your ID when you go to vote. It helps the election judge find your name on the voter list more quickly and new registrants are required to show an ID,” said Lee. Persons needing to make changes to their registration, such as name change or party affiliation change, will also be asked to present an ID, as will those voting for the first time after registering by mail.

**No electioneering at the polls:** Voters, candidates, and proponents of ballot propositions are reminded that Wyoming law prohibits any form of campaigning within 100 yards of any public entrance to a polling place. Banned materials include any kind of campaign items--signs, literature, and 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 clothing and buttons at home when you go to vote. Our election judges will ask voters remove or cover up any election-related campaign items before entering the vote center,” said Lee.

**Election results:** Unofficial election results will be posted on the County Clerk’s website on election night as totals are released from the county’s 13 vote centers. Results from the vote centers will be added to those of absentee and early voters to make up the unofficial totals for the General Election. Election results become official when certified by the County Canvassing Board on Nov. 9 at 2:00 p.m. in the office of the County Clerk.

Results—unofficial and official--will be posted on election night and following Friday’s canvass at:

<https://www.laramiecountyclerk.com/elections.aspx> .

For more information on elections and voting, visit: <https://www.laramiecountyclerk.com/elections.aspx> or call the Clerk’s election office at (307) 633-4242.

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