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Tuesday, August 16, is Primary Election Day

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



Laramie County voters on Tuesday will cast their Primary Election ballots at any one of 13 Vote Centers instead of at a precinct-based neighborhood polling place near where they live.

“This means that a voter can vote at a center near where they work or where they happen to be on Election Day. They won’t have to go back home to vote. If they live in Carpenter and work in Cheyenne, if they’re at the mall or have a medical appointment on Election Day, they can go to the vote center close to that location,” said Laramie County Clerk Debra Lee.

There are 13 vote centers in the county, 11 are in and around Cheyenne, one in Pine Bluffs, and one in Burns. Registered voters recently received a postcard listing the center locations. The county clerk’s website has a list of the centers and voters can enter an address to find the closest one.

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, 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.

A new service offered to voters this election is a web-based application that will enable voters to see estimated wait times at each vote center. “Voters can see the estimated wait time at each vote center as well as the distances to each center. This will help voters decide which center is most convenient in terms of location and time,” said Lee.

Voters may view vote center locations and approximate wait times at those centers at

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

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 Primary Election Day, Aug. 16, 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.

Lee 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 wishing to change details on their registration, including party affiliation, should also bring their driver’s license or other ID if they do not have a license.

“In general, it’s good practice to bring your ID when you go to vote. It really helps the election judge find you more quickly on the voter list,” Lee said.

Lee is hoping for a good turnout on Election Day. “If absentee voting is any indication, we may see a high turnout on Tuesday. We’ve registered a lot of first-time voters as well as voters who haven’t voted in many years,” she said.

As of August 12, more than 3000 voters had cast their ballots at the county’s early voting site in the Atrium of the county complex building and at sites in Albin and Iron Mountain. The last day voters can vote in the Atrium is Monday, Aug. 15. The site is open from 8:30 a.m. to 4:45 p.m.

Lee said nearly 1900 absentee ballots have been mailed to voters. She reminds voters who have not yet returned their absentee ballots to do so no later than 7:00 p.m. on Aug. 16. By law, ballots arriving after 7:00 p.m. on Election Day will not be counted. Voters may drop off absentee ballots at the county clerk's office at 309 W 20th Street.

For more information on elections, visit the clerk's website at www.laramiecountyclerk.com

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