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2020 GENERAL ELECTION VOTER'S ★★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ GUIDE

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Delegate Rodney Pyles ★ Delegate Danielle Walker ★ Delegate John Williams

Mon's Fab Five : Working to fix terrible roads

- Organized road tours of the county with engineering experts and sent their report to the governor.
- Sponsored and passed bill to require DOH to use a fair formula for road maintenance funding, which would bring millions more dollars to Mon County. Governor Justice vetoed this bill.
- Calculated the road maintenance dollars that DOH has withheld from Mon County by not using a fair formula: millions yearly.
- Sponsored pay raise bill for local DOH workers to fill vacancies and maintain more roads.
- Sponsored bill requiring DOH to create online map to track potholes and patches.



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U.S. PRESIDENT

The candidates

Republican: Donald Trump
Age: 74
Native state: New York
Political experience: U.S. president since 2017
Running mate: Mike Pence
Age: 61
Native state: Indiana
Political experience: U.S. House, 2001-13; Indiana governor, 2013-17; U.S. vice president since 2017

Democrat: Joe Biden
Age: 77
Native state: Delaware
Political experience: U.S. senator, 1973-2009; U.S. vice president, 2009-17
Running mate: Kamala Harris
Age: 55
Native state: California
Political experience: U.S. senator since 2017

How soon will we know the election outcome?

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — How soon will we know the results of the U.S. election?

A shift to mail voting is increasing the chances that Americans will not know the winner of the 2020 presidential race on election night, Nov. 3. But that doesn't mean the results will be flawed or fraudulent.

President Donald Trump has repeatedly raised unsubstantiated fears of fraud involving mail-in voting, which is expected to be more widely used in the November election out of concern for safety given the coronavirus pandemic.

Election officials in some key battleground states have warned that it might take days to count the votes given what they expect will be a surge of ballots sent by mail.

Because processing mail ballots is more laborious than in-person voting, states that haven't updated their laws and systems for the different workload can see delays. But a presidential election hasn't been left in limbo since 2000, when ballot irregularities in Florida led to weeks of chaos and court fights.

While each state runs its own process, mail ballots can take longer to count. In some states, the ballots can be accepted several days after Election Day, as long as they are postmarked before polls closed. And while some states count the ballots as they come in, others — notably the critical battlegrounds of Wisconsin and Pennsylvania — have laws that forbid processing mail ballots until Election Day, guaranteeing the count will extend well past that night.

EARLY VOTING

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Early voting will take place Oct. 21 through Oct. 31 throughout West Virginia.

In Monongalia County, early voting will be 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Monday through Saturday.

All registered voters within Monongalia County can vote at any of the following locations:

■ Mountaineer Mall, 5000 Greenbag Road, Unit D-20, Morgantown.

■ Mason Dixon Park, 79 Buckeye Road, Core.

■ WVU Alumni Center, 1 Alumni Drive, Morgantown.

■ Fort Pierpont, Suite #102 200 Fort Pierpont Drive Suite 102, Morgantown.

Preston County will have only one early voting site, at the Preston County Kingwood Shopping Plaza, Corner Mall, Kingwood.

The site will be open 8:30 a.m.-5:30 p.m. Monday, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Tuesday through Friday, and 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Saturday.

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U.S. SENATE

Name: Shelley Moore Capito
Office sought: U.S. Senate
Political party: Republican
Age: 66



Shelley Moore Capito

Residence: Charleston

Family: Married to Charles Capito, three children and seven grandchildren

Education: B.S. Duke University, M. Ed. University of Virginia

Professional experience: U.S. senator

Political and civic experience: U.S. House of Representatives, West Virginia House of Delegates

Why did you decide to seek office?

It has been the honor of my life to represent the people of West Virginia in the U.S. Senate. Over the last five years, I have traveled the state and listened to West Virginians. I have taken their concerns and needs to Washington. I believe my voice is a powerful voice to help the people of West Virginia, and I ask West

Virginians to send me back.

What is the most important issue you believe your office will face in the next year, and how will you address it?

When I came to the Senate, I realized the lack of access to high-speed broadband was holding us back. This is why I launched Capito Connect. In five years, we've created the roadmap and secured funding but there is more to do. COVID has taught us that broadband is essential for telehealth, remote work and online learning. I look forward to working with West Virginians to unite our communities and build a stronger West Virginia.

Three candidates seek the U.S. Senate seat from West Virginia, which is up for this election.

Republican incumbent Shelley Moore Capito is opposed by Democrat Paula Jean Swearengen and Libertarian David Moran.

Swearengen and Moran did not provide information for this Voters Guide.

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• Roads

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Precinct 1 — Mountainview Elementary School, 661 Green Bag Road, Morgantown.

Precincts 2A and 2B — Morgantown High School 109 Wilson Ave., Morgantown.

Precinct 10 — WVU Alumni Center, 1 Alumni Drive, Morgantown.

Precinct 13 — Mountaineer Middle School, 991 Price St., Morgantown.

Precinct 16 — BOPARC Senior Recreation Center, 287 Eureka Drive, Morgantown.

Precinct 23 — St Mary's Catholic Church, 3334B University Ave., Morgantown.

Precinct 25 — St Mary's Catholic Church.

Precinct 26 — Suncrest Middle School, 360 Baldwin St., Morgantown.

Precinct 30 — Sabraton Baptist Church, 1641 Sabraton Ave., Morgantown.

Precinct 32 — Eastwood Elementary School, 677 201st INF/FA Memorial Way, Morgantown.

Precinct 33 — Rock Forge Presbyterian Church, 3085 Earl L. Core Road, Morgantown.

Precinct 35 — Mountainview Elementary School, 661 Green Bag Road, Morgantown.

Precinct 36 — North Elementary School, 825 Chestnut Ridge Road, Morgantown.

Precinct 38 — Brookhaven Elementary School, 1215 Baker St., Morgantown.

Precinct 40 — Mason-Dixon Elementary School, 7041 Mason-Dixon Highway, Blacksville.

Precinct 41 — Mason Dixon Elementary School, 7041 Mason-Dixon Highway, Blacksville.

Precinct 44 — Granville Fire Dept. Bingo Hall, Station 2, 507 Scotts Run Road, Morgantown.

Precinct 47 — Scott's Run VFD (Cassville), 719 Mason Dixon Highway, Morgantown.

Precinct 48 — Granville Fire Dept. Bingo Hall, Station 2.

Precinct 51 — Clay-Battelle High School, 6226 Mason-Dixon Highway, Blacksville.

Precinct 51M — Clay-Battelle High School.

Precinct 52 — Mason-Dixon Park, 79

Buckeye Road, Core.

Precinct 58 — Mylan Park Elementary, 901 Mylan Park Lane, Morgantown.

Precinct 59 — Smithtown School Community Center, 56 Smithtown School Road, Morgantown.

Precinct 61 — Clinton District VFD, 1989 Grafton Road, Morgantown.

Precinct 62 — Brown's Halleck Community Center, 33 Brewer Road, Morgantown.

Precinct 63 — Mountainview Elementary School.

Precinct 64 — Skyview Elementary School, 668 River Road, Westover.

Precinct 67 — Arnettsville Community Center, 4120 Fairmont Road, Morgantown.

Precinct 68 — Mylan Park Elementary School.

Precinct 71 — Westover VFW Post 9916, 340 Holland Ave., Westover.

Precinct 74 — Granville Social Hall, 172 Town Hall St., Granville.

Precinct 76 — Suncrest Middle School, 360 Baldwin St., Morgantown.

Precinct 77 — Cheat Lake Community Church, 527 Tyrone Road, Morgantown.

Precinct 78 — Cheat Lake Elementary

School, 154 Crosby Road, Morgantown.

Precinct 79 — Cheat Lake VFD, 409 Fairchance Road, Morgantown.

Precinct 81 — University High School, 131 Bakers Ridge Road, Morgantown.

Precinct 82 — Cheat Lake VFD.

Precinct 83 — University High School.

Precinct 86 — North Elementary School.


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WV working families need a strong, creative team in the HOUSE and SENATE


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Rodney Pyles
Evan Hansen

Mike Caputo
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U.S. HOUSE — FIRST DISTRICT

Name: David B. McKinley
Office sought: U.S. Congress, First District
Party: Republican
Age: 73
Residence: Wheeling



David McKinley

Family: Wife, Mary; four kids; six grandchildren

Education: Purdue University, BS.

Professional experience: Professional engineer, small business owner.

Political and civic experience: West Virginia House of Delegates, 1980-95; U.S. Congress First District, 2011-present.

Why did you decide to seek office?
 In 2010, I decided to get out of my comfort zone because of what was happening in the country. I wanted to make a better future for my kids and grandkids. I don't like politics. But the best way to change the direction of the country is to get in the game. I've been honored to represent the First District since 2011 and have worked in bipartisan fashion to deliver results for West Virginia.

What is the most important issue

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Name: Natalie Cline
Office sought: U.S. Congress, First District
Political party: Democrat
Age: 39
Residence: Wheeling



Natalie Cline

Family: Spouse, Jason Monroe; son, Teddy Monroe age 5.

Education: Bachelor of Science in international studies from West Liberty University in Wheeling; MBA from Salem International University; M.A. in linguistics from West Virginia

University.

Professional experience: Since 2015, has worked as a computational linguist for a D.C.-based software company that specializes in creating multi-lingual software that extracts key data from text-based documents primarily for law enforcement, military organizations and government agencies. Oversees the company's learning department, develops customer-specific linguistic engines and supports pre- and post-sale customer relations.

Political and civic experience: In June, won the Democratic primary for

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PRESTON COUNTY POLLS

Precincts 1, 1T, 2 and 2T — Bruceton Mills Fire Hall, 142 Union St., Bruceton Mills.

Precinct 3 — Shady Grove Church of the Brethren, 21 Shady Grove Road, Bruceton Mills.

Precinct 4 — Masontown Fire Hall, 362 N. Main St., Masontown.

Precinct 5 — Mount Moriah Christian Center, 8921 N. Preston Highway, Albright.

Precinct 6 — North Preston Senior Center, 13553 N. Preston Highway, Bruceton Mills.

Precinct 7 — Craig Civic Center, 311 Tunnelton St., Kingwood.

Precinct 8 — St. Joseph's Church, 22 Church Drive, Kingwood.

Precinct 9T — Valley District Senior Center, 54 W. Highland Ave., Masontown.

Precinct 10 — Masontown VFD, 362 N. Main St., Masontown.

Precinct 11 — Arthurdale Heritage building, 18 Q Road, Arthurdale.

Precincts 12 and 12T — Reedsville VFD, 291 Kingwood St., Reedsville.

Precinct 13T — Craig Civic Center.

Precinct 14 — Terra Alta Ambulance building, 1124 E. State Ave., Terra Alta.

Precincts 15T and 16 — Craig Civic Center.

Precincts 17 and 17T — Albright Community Center, 2960 St. Joe Road, Albright.

Precincts 18 and 18T — Terra Alta VFD, 1120 E. State Ave., Terra Alta.

Precinct 19 — Aurora Memorial Building, 24076 George Washington Highway, Aurora.

Precinct 20 — Terra Alta Ambulance building, 1124 E. State Ave., Terra Alta.

Precinct 21 — Gladesville Community Building, 2929 Gladesville Road, Independence.

Precincts 22 and 22T — Newburg Senior Center, 36 Morgantown Ave., Newburg.

Precinct 23 — Maple Springs Family Life Center, 3075 Maple Spring Highway, Eglen.

Precinct 24 — Fellowsville VFD, 18 Fire Loop Road, Tunnelton.

Precincts 25, 25T and 26 — Tunnelton VFD, 42 Bank St., Tunnelton.

Precincts 27 and 27T — Rowlesburg VFD, 13 Elm St., Rowlesburg.

Precinct 28 — Maple Springs Family Life Center.

Re-elect Danielle Walker

House of Delegates  Monongalia County



"I do my job -- fighting for the people of Monongalia County & all Mountaineers. I work for you -- full time and year-round, not just during election season.

Please do your job -- Vote!"

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GOVERNOR

Name: Jim Justice
Office sought: Governor
Political party: Republican
Age: 69
Residence: Lewisburg
Family: Married to Cathy Justice.



Jim Justice

Two children, James (Jay) C. Justice III, who is married to Catherine Grainger Justice; and daughter Dr. Jill Justice, who is married to Adam Long.

Education: Master of Business Administration, Marshall University.

Professional experience: Before being elected governor, I served as the president and CEO of 102 different companies and employed thousands of West Virginians. Before my election and during my time leading my family's companies, I launched a massive expansion of multiple businesses, including significant coal reserve expansion, Christmas tree farms, cotton gins, turfgrass operations, golf courses, timber enhancement and land development

projects.
Political and civic experience: Like President Donald J. Trump, I am not a politician. I've worked my entire life creating jobs, starting businesses and helping communities across West Virginia. God has blessed me, and I love West Virginia. I led the Mountain State Coal Classic Basketball Tournament to help raise scholarship dollars for kids, given Christmas gifts to thousands of children and helped communities across the state during horrific natural disasters.

Why did you decide to seek office? It is the honor of my life to serve as your governor. I am running for re-election to continue the tremendous progress we have made during my first term. We're turning West Virginia's economy around, and we're investing in our roads and schools. There is still work to be done, and I'm just getting started because I want jobs, opportunity and hope for all West Virginians.

What is the most important issue you believe your office will face in the next year, and how will you address

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October 28th -
Last Day to
Request an
Absentee Ballot

October 21st - 31st
In-Person
Early Voting

November 3rd
Election Day

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COUNT ON YOUR VOTE

JEFF ARNETT,
CANDIDATE FOR MONONGALIA COUNTY
COMMISSION

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2020
COUNTY COMMISSIONER

Name: Ben Salango
Office sought: Governor
Political party: Democrat
Age : 47
Residence: Charleston
Family: Wife, Tera; two sons, T.J. and Caden.



Ben Salango

Education: Political science from West Virginia University, 1994; J.D., West Virginia University College of Law, 1998; Shady Spring High School, 1991.

Professional experience: Attorney, founding partner of Preston & Salango, PLLC; founder and owner, 304Tees.

Political and civic experience: Kanawha County Commissioner.

Why did you decide to seek office? West Virginia needs new leadership. I'm a Kanawha County Commissioner, attor-

ney and small business owner, and I know how to get things done. I've spent my career fighting for the little guy and working families. I'm not afraid to get my hands dirty in order to do what's right for West Virginia. I'll bring people together to move West Virginia forward.

What is the most important issue you believe your office will face in the next year, and how will you address it? Rebuilding our state after COVID-19 subsidies. I am dedicated to moving West Virginia forward by prioritizing investments in public education, expanding broadband, helping small businesses, creating more jobs in the Mountain State, protecting health care, fixing the roads and combating the opioid epidemic. I will diversify the economy and strengthen our workforce by expanding vocational and technical training. Jim Justice is all about self-service; I'll be focused on public service.

MCKINLEY

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you believe your office will face in the next year, and how will you address it? This year we have faced the biggest economic and public health crisis of our lifetime. Our focus needs to be on defeat-

ing this virus by maintaining common sense safety measures and developing therapeutics and a vaccine — and rebuilding our economy. The best relief for struggling families is to get our economy working again. Bringing American manufacturing back so we aren't reliant on China is a start.

CLINE

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U.S. Congress with approximately 74% of the vote.

Why did you decide to seek office? I chose to run for office to answer the growing need for representation that is for the people and accountable to the people of West Virginia. For far too long, our interests have been ignored in exchange for prioritizing the bottom line of out-of-state corporations. I will craft legislation that will positively affect every West Virginian and provide the next generation of mountaineers with the

choice to stay here when they grow up.
What is the most important issue you believe your office will face in the next year, and how will you address it? Health care has been and will remain the most important issue for West Virginians until we can find a way to work together and pass some form of single payer health care. The richest nation on earth should be able to meet the basic human needs of its citizens, and that includes health care. The people of West Virginia face more underlying health conditions than those in any other state. It's time to take care of our people.

ELECTION 2020 COVERAGE

The Dominion Post will bring readers to most up-to-date election information throughout election night at DominionPost.com. The Nov. 4 newspaper will have all numbers available at press time and reporters will follow each race as mail-in ballots are tabulated beyond Election Day. Updates will be posted as soon as possible at DominionPost.com with more information published daily in The Dominion Post.

GOVERNOR

Name: Erika Kolenich
Office sought: Governor
Political party: Libertarian
Age: 41
Residence: Buckhannon
Family: Karl Kolenich, husband, and, Iris Kolenich, daughter.



Erika Kolenich

Education: B.A. West Virginia Wesleyan College; J.D. University of Akron School of Law.

Professional experience: Managing member at Klie Law Offices, PLLC 2005-present.

Political and civic experience: Past executive producer, Buckhannon Community Theatre; Upshur Human Resources, Inc. (Head Start) Board of Directors; City of Buckhannon Historic Landmarks Commission; Buckhannon-Upshur Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors; district president, Zeta Tau Alpha; past president, Upshur Arts Alliance.

Why did you decide to seek office? I

am running because I am frustrated with politics. Democrats and Republicans have become consumed with party politics and are not representing West Virginians. The good people of our state are getting lost in that process. Failure to compromise is crippling West Virginia. I want to give people an option to finally vote for someone they can relate to, trust and believe in as opposed to the lesser of two evils.

What is the most important issue you believe your office will face in the next year, and how will you address it? We will face an economic and societal crisis following COVID-19. Removing mandates and allowing people and businesses to make decisions best for themselves is the top priority. Secondly, I will address the decline in the economy by eliminating unnecessary licensing and regulations which make it difficult for business to operate. I will help families by cutting the personal income tax to keep more money in the pockets of West Virginians.

Name: Daniel P. "Danny" Lutz Jr.
Office sought: Governor
Political party: Mountain Party
Age: 71
Residence: Charles Town
Family: First ancestors began farming in (West) Virginia in 1761.



Daniel Lutz Jr.

Education: Undergraduate, WVU, 1972; graduate studies, The American University, Washington, D.C.

Professional Experience: Dealer development coordinator, Allis Chalmers Corp.; registered representative, NYSE, Baker, Watts & Co.; family farm, Jefferson County.

Political experience: Presently Jefferson County Conservation District Supervisor; Eastern Panhandle Conservation District; presidential elector, 1996; appointed to program board, Eastern Economic Association; West Virginia delegate, United Farmers' and Ranchers'

Conference; Presbyterian Church; Kiwanis Club, 41 years, presently Lt. Governor and twice Distinguished Past President

Why did you decide to seek office? To bring West Virginia into the 21st century; to offer West Virginians "A Choice, Not an Echo," (penned by the late Karl Hess for Barry Goldwater 1964).

What is the most important issue you believe your office will face in the next year, and how will you address it? Within six months of a contract, create Broadband Cooperative for all West Virginians, etc., for under \$150 million; fund facilities and research to produce nanocellulose sustainably, eco friendly and renewably; create Pollution Control Credits Exchange System for air, soils and waters contaminants; Pollution Control Shares issued to West Virginia households with one-plus registered voters (no vacation homes, etc.), firms must buy credits for best price agreeable; recover and sell rare earth elements, some worth \$30,000 per pound.

highways, address the drug crisis and recover from the COVID-19 global pandemic. I work every day to attract more people, more jobs and more opportunities to West Virginia. Visit my website at www.justiceforwv.com to learn more about my achievements and priorities.

JUSTICE

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it? Thanks to my leadership, the state's economy is strong and growing stronger every day. We must continue to grow our economy, attract jobs, fix our roads and

Rodney Pyles

House of Delegates



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10/21/20

Rodney Pyles will work to:

Strengthen Education: Rodney was on the frontline fighting with teachers, school service personnel and public employees for fair wages and good health insurance.

Expand Vocational Education: Rodney knows students who are not college-bound need affordable vocational and technical education.

Protect Health Care: Rodney worked to make sure people with pre-existing conditions are not denied health insurance.

Defend Property Rights Rodney fought to protect families from being forced to sell their natural gas rights against their will.

Help Senior Citizens: Rodney introduced legislation to increase the Homestead Exemption and end state taxes on Social Security income.

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f: Delegate Rodney Pyles

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STATE AUDITOR

Name: Mary Ann Claytor
Office sought: State auditor
Political party: Democrat

Family: I have been married to my high school sweetheart, Howard "Cookie" Claytor, for 36 years. We have three children and five grandchildren. I left the auditor's office to care full time for my son Cedric, who was paralyzed and suffered neurological damage from an anti-rejection medication from an organ transplant. It broke my heart when Cedric passed away in January of this year, but it reignited my passion for public service.



Mary Ann Claytor

Education: I have a B.S.B.A. in accounting from West Virginia State College and an M.A. in religion from Liberty University.

Professional experience: I worked for 22 years as an auditor for the state of West Virginia. During that time, I provided training to local governments and performed financial and compliance audits. After leaving the auditor's office

to care for my son, I worked on financial statements for local governments at a discounted rate.

Political and civic experience: I was the Democratic nominee for state auditor in 2016 and the press secretary for the West Virginia Federation of Democratic Women. I also go to jails and nursing homes as part of a church ministry.

Why did you decide to seek office? I didn't know you were supposed to seek backing from political leaders before running for office. So, when I heard Auditor Gainer was stepping down, I decided to step up. I knew we hadn't had an accountant in the auditor's office for decades, and I knew that my education and experience qualified me to run the office I had worked in for 22 years.

What is the most important issue you believe your office will face in the next year, and how will you address it? We have to get our audits up to date and streamline the auditing process. We are risking countless taxpayer dollars by not keeping up-to-date on audits. Fraud and mistakes happen. The longer we wait to catch them, the worse the problem becomes.

Name: John "JB" McCuskey
Office sought: State Auditor
Political party: Republican
Age: 39

Residence: Charleston

Family: Wife, Wendy, daughters, Cam and Matti.



John McCuskey

Education: B.A. in political communication from The George Washington University; J.D. from WVU School of Law.

Professional experience: Attorney for Shuman, McCuskey and Slicer, Steptoe and Johnson, current state auditor.

Political and civic experience: Two-term member of the House of Delegates for the 35th District.

Why did you decide to seek office? I am proud to say that West Virginia is now the most transparent state in the country, but I believe that while great progress has

been made toward creating a more efficient and responsible state government, there is still much to be done to bring the state into its bright future ahead through good government and fiscal responsibility. I chose to run for re-election to help foster new growth and vision in the coming years in the state I am immensely proud to call my home.

What is the most important issue you believe your office will face in the next year, and how will you address it? The presence of waste, fraud and abuse throughout state government. To address this, we must build on the reformations and repairs to the state's integrated accounting system and our state audit process to make it more accurate, faster and more capable of detecting abnormalities. This will help us as we use our newly created, first-of-its-kind, taxpayer intercept program that intercepts state payments to entities who owe the state money.

STATE TREASURER

Name: John D. Perdue
Office Sought: State Treasurer
Political Party: Democrat
Age: 70

Residence: Cross Lanes

Family: Wife, Robin, and two adult children, Emily and Jessica.



John Perdue

Education: Graduated from Scott High School and received a B.S. from WVU in 1972.

Professional and political experience: Grew up in Boone County, West Virginia, started working for the Department of Agriculture in 1973, then moved to Gov.

Caperton's office as his senior aide in 1989. In 1996, I was elected state treasurer and have held the position since.

Why did you decide to seek office? I love my job as state treasurer and I love what I am doing. We are constantly upgrading technology in the office and improving upon the many programs that we administer, such as the Smart529 program and unclaimed property. We have returned over 70% of unclaimed property that we have received. We are working closely with the governor's office on a new initiative to bring broadband services to rural West Virginia.

What is the most important issue you believe your office will face in the next year, and how will you address it?

Name: Riley Moore
Office sought: State Treasurer
Political party: Republican
Age: 40

Residence: Harpers Ferry

Family: Wife, Mina, and two daughters.



Riley Moore

Education: Undergraduate degree in government and international politics from George Mason University and a master's degree in strategic security studies from the National Defense University at Fort McNair.

Professional experience: Began as a welder in a rock quarry and then went to work as a welder at a defense manufacturer for the U.S. Army and Navy. Previously served as a national security advisor and oversight staff on the House of Foreign Affairs Committee. Currently work as a director at Textron supporting Marine Corps programs.

Political and civic experience: Served in the House of Delegates for Jefferson County from 2017-19. Served as the Assistant Majority Whip and in 2018 was named next Majority Leader. Member of the Shepherdstown Rotary Club, Shepherdstown Community Club, the West Virginia Society of Sons

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A VOICE FOR VALUES

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Economic Recovery | Jobs | Education Reform |
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STATE ATTORNEY GENERAL

Name: Sam Brown Petsonk
Office sought: Attorney General
Political party: Democrat
Age: 36
Residence: Fayette County
Family: I live with my wife, Stephanie Tyree, and our sons, Teddy and Levi.



Sam Petsonk

Education: Law degree from Washington & Lee University, and undergraduate degree, Brandeis University.

Professional experience: Served as a legislative assistant for Sen. Robert C. Byrd on labor and energy issues. As a lawyer in West Virginia, delivered millions in wages, health care and black lung benefits for hundreds of coal miners statewide. Fought for retirees' health care. Promoted workforce development and broadband access. Served as president of West Virginia Employment Lawyers Association. Held

legal fellowships for consumer protection and workers' rights.

Political and civic experience: Advisory board member, West Virginia Center for Budget and Policy; and the Natural Capital Investment Fund. Served as AmeriCorps* VISTA worker in Wyoming County.

Why did you decide to seek office? One in 10 West Virginians will lose our health care if my opponent, Patrick Morrissey, wins his current lawsuit to repeal our health care laws. Health care workers asked me to run and to stop Morrissey from taking away health care for hundreds of thousands of West Virginians, killing thousands of high-quality health care jobs and removing a billion dollars of annual revenue from our state. I am seeking this office because we cannot afford for Morrissey to win.

What is the most important issue you believe your office will face in the

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UNOPPOSED

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Several county races have only one candidate running for the single available seat. Those candidates are not profiled in this voter's guide.

In Monongalia County, Prosecuting Attorney Perri Jo DeChristopher, Sheriff Perry Palmer, Assessor Mark Musick and Surveyor Bob Andriotto are unopposed.

In Preston County, where Prosecutor Melvin C. Snyder III chose not to seek re-election, only Jay Shay is on the ballot for the office. Preston Assessor Connie Ervin and Surveyor Ken Moran are unopposed.

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I think most people in the state know many of the programs we manage, but they may not know that we are the bank of state government. We manage \$18 billion of the state's money and our office has received the highest rating from Standard & Poor. We've modernized the office and brought in expert money managers. I am proud to say that in 24 years I have served as treasurer, we haven't lost one penny of the state's money.

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of the American Revolution, the West Virginia Farm Bureau, the Eastern Panhandle Business Association and the Knights of Columbus.

Why did you decide to seek office? There has been a stagnation of innovation and new ideas in the office. This is an office that is often overlooked by the average West Virginian but has great potential to bolster our working class and economy. I would do this with my Jump Start Savings Plan that would allow individuals graduating from vocation or trade schools to start savings accounts to purchase tools, equipment, licenses or certifications. We would be the first state in the country to undertake a program like this.

What is the most important issue you believe your office will face in the next year, and how will you address it? The effects of COVID on the economy and the investments of the state. The office is going to have to effectively communicate to the taxpayers of West Virginia how our investments are being safeguarded and provide insights into the effective use of additional federal assistance. To date, this is something the treasurer's office has done a poor job of. If elected, we will create a more transparent and accountable office to the people of West Virginia and ensure they understand how their money is being spent.

Name: Patrick Morrissey
Office sought: Attorney General
Political party: Republican
Age: 52
Residence: Harpers Ferry
Family: Wife, Denise, step daughter, Julia.



Patrick Morrissey

Education: Rutgers College, B.A., with honors, 1989; Rutgers Law School-Newark, 1992.

Professional experience: West Virginia Attorney General, 2013-present; partner, co-chair, of Health Care Practice Large National Law firm, 2004-2012. 1999-2004 Deputy Staff Director; Chief Health Counsel House Energy and Commerce Committee; attorney at law 1992-1999.

Political and civic experience: West Virginia Attorney General, 2013-present; Republican nominee for U.S. Senate, 2018; member of U.S. Electoral College. supporting Donald Trump, 2016.

Why did you decide to seek office?

West Virginia needs a strong and experienced person in the attorney general's office with expertise protecting state jobs, successfully fighting the opioid epidemic and enforcing our state laws evenly. I am running for re-election as attorney general so that we can protect our state's energy jobs, continue to target the root causes of the opioid epidemic and position the state to succeed in the post-COVID-19 economy.

What is the most important issue you believe your office will face in the next year, and how will you address it? We must take every step to get the West Virginia economy moving again, expand broadband infrastructure and push back against the opioid epidemic. We are going to continue to work with President Trump to identify opportunities to remove regulatory burdens and create funding opportunities for new technology in the post COVID-19 world. We will also be doubling down on our efforts to reduce fraud in our state. Since taking over in 2013, we have realized over \$410 million in savings and settlement value for the citizens of our state.

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SECRETARY OF STATE

Name: Mac Warner
Office sought: Secretary of State
Political party: Republican
Age: 65
Residence: Charleston, also maintain a home in Morgantown

Family: My wife, Debbie Law Warner, and I have been married 38 years. We have four grown children and two sons-in-law — all six of whom have served or are serving in the United States Military.



Mac Warner
Education: I am a graduate of the U.S. Military Academy at West Point; WVU School of Law (J.D.); The Army Judge Advocate General's School (LL.M); and the University of Virginia Law School, master's degree in international law.

Professional experience: I served 23 years as an artillery officer and JAG with the United States Army. I served on four continents and deployed to military zones throughout the world. I retired at the rank of lieutenant colonel. Then, I spent five years in Afghanistan with the U.S. State Department.

Political and civic experience: Political — I was elected West Virginia's 30th Secretary of State in 2016. Civic — I have coached youth basketball and football, been a Boy Scout Leader and belong to many civic organizations. I organized and conducted many Civil Society meetings for international organizations in Afghanistan.

Why did you decide to seek office? To ensure clean elections in West Virginia, starting with voter list maintenance as required by law. I also wanted to make it easy to start and

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Name: Natalie Tennant
Office sought: Secretary of State
Political party: Democrat
Age: 52
Residence: Charleston
Family: Husband, Erik Wells, daughter, Delaney Wells.



Natalie Tennant
Education: B.S., journalism, WVU; M.A., corporate and organizational communication, WVU.

Professional experience: Reporter and anchor at television stations in West Virginia, multimedia public relations expert, national voting rights expert.

Political and civic experience: Eight years as secretary of state, National Voting Rights Experts who worked with elected officials across the country.

Why did you decide to seek office? There is so much that has been left undone over the last four years, so I am running to finish that work and bring advances to businesses and elections. I'm seeking office to implement automatic voter registration, remove fees on businesses and fully implement an electronic web-based portal that helps businesses.

What is the most important issue you believe your office will face in the next year, and how will you address it? There are several issues that will be present right away. The first is to establish a budget that corrects the wasteful spending that is taking place right now.

Working with the legislature, we must address the changes and improvements that need to be made with the voting process because of the COVID crisis that brought about so many emergency rules that were not intended by the legislature.

I will also shepherd the SOS office through the recovery of COVID as I did after the Great Recession of 2009.

COMMISSIONER OF AGRICULTURE

Name: Bob Beach
Office sought: Commissioner of Agriculture
Political party: Democrat
Age: 61
Residence: Monongalia County



Bob Beach
Family: Married, father of five.
Education: FSU, political science; Spruce School of Real Estate.
Professional experience: Previously: executive director of Garrett College Foundation, real estate sales, retail manager/supervisor/buyer.

Political and civic experience: Past member of the Monongalia County Planning Commission (10 years); West Virginia House of Delegates 2001-2010; West Virginia State Senate 2011-present; 20 years Legislative Committee on Agriculture, previous chairman; member of the Southern Legislative Conference Committee on Agriculture and Rural Development.

Why did you decide to seek office? Meetings early in 2019 with farmers from across the state who are dissatisfied with the current administration within the West Virginia Department of Agriculture. They cited a lack of advocacy for the ag community, lack of resources and failed

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Name: Kent Leonhardt
Office sought: Commissioner of Agriculture
Political party: Republican
Age: 66
Residence: Fairview, Monongalia County



Kent Leonhardt
Family: Wife, Shirley; three sons; six grandchildren.
Education: Bachelor's degree in wildlife management, master's in business management, graduate of USMC Command and Staff College, graduate of the Defense Intelligence College and graduate of the Defense Language Institute with a focus on Arabic.

Professional experience: Retired USMC lieutenant colonel.

Political and civic experience: Former West Virginia state senator, Farm Bureau, Marine Corps League, American Legion.

Why did you decide to seek office?

After three and half years at the job, I am seeking re-election to continue to build on everything we have accomplished. Our staff at the Department of Agriculture has worked hard to provide new economic development opportunities for West Virginia farmers while reducing regulations and streamlining processes. We continue to

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next year, and how will you address it? I'll remove West Virginia from Morrisey's lawsuit challenging our federal health care laws. If he wins, 179,000 hard-working residents will lose their state

medical card. Tens of thousands with private individual health care will lose our tax credits and subsidies, and so probably lose our insurance. More could lose because they have pre-existing conditions like hypertension, diabetes or pregnancy.

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STATE SENATE DISTRICT 14

Name: Randy E. Smith
Office sought: 14th Senate
Political party: Republican
Age: 60
Residence: Thomas



Randy Smith

Family: Spouse, Patty; daughter and son-in-law, Amy and Tim Wotring; son and daughter-in-law, R. Scott and Beth Smith; six grandchildren.

Education: East Preston High School

Professional experience: Small business owner who worked

41 years as a coal miner.

Political and civic experience: Served four years in the state House of Delegates and four years in the state Senate.

Why did you decide to seek office?
 I'm running for re-election to continue to move the state forward, as we've been able to make positive progress in the past eight years.

What is the most important issue you believe your office will face in the next year, and how will you address it?
 Recovering from the COVID-19 pandemic will be the most important issue in the next year. We have to address the problems that come up and introduce legislation to keep it from happening again.

Democrat candidate David C. Childers did not respond in time to be included in this special section.

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expand programs that help veterans and inspire the next generation of farmers with the end goal to grow agriculture in West Virginia.

What is the most important issue you believe your office will face in the next year, and how will you address it?

My number one priority, if re-elected,

will be to expand the available markets for West Virginia producers. This includes our cattle producers which require more processors and the ability to cross state lines with meats processed in West Virginia-inspected facilities. In addition, we must grow local food systems by promoting our agri-businesses of all sizes. It is crucial we strengthen support for farmers markets which serve as the base for many new start-ups.

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communication, all of which quickly convinced me a change was needed. These same farmers believe as I do, that my 54 years of agricultural experience is something that is long overdue.

What is the most important issue you believe your office will face in the next year, and how will you address it?

The department is primarily a reg-

ulatory agency, with the role of ensuring food safety for our residents. The department should also act as an advocate for the ag community, provide the necessary resources and facilitate communication. Only after these three objectives have been achieved shall the department begin to focus on new economic development opportunities. Furthermore, goals and objectives should be clearly identified. A plan to correct known deficiencies is essential and must be implemented day one.

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grow businesses in West Virginia by creating a Business One Stop. I have achieved both objectives in my first term and want to continue improving both areas.

What is the most important issue you believe your office will face in the next year, and how will you address it?

Election integrity will remain the most important issue, while maintaining voter confidence will be essential. West Virginia had the nation's most successful 2020 primary during the pandemic, and we are making improvements on the nearly flawless primary as we move into the general election. By continual communication with county clerks, other state secretaries and DHS, I will address all concerns and challenges as they arise.



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STATE SENATE DISTRICT 13

Name: Mike Caputo**Office sought:** State Senate District 13**Political party:** Democrat**Age:** 63**Residence:** Rivesville**Family:** Wife, Tina, and two children, one daughter, Jessica, and one son, Josh.**Education:** Graduate of Rivesville High School, Class of 1975.**Professional experience:** District 31 International vice president, United Mine Workers of America.**Political and civic experience:** Rivesville Town Council, 1981-83. Served the last 24 years in the House of Delegates. Rose to the position of Majority Whip in the House.**Why did you decide to seek office?** I'm running for the state senate in the 13th District because I believe it is time to take north-central West Virginia to the next level. I'm committed to bringing business and labor together in order to improve the economy of Monongalia and Marion counties. I promise you two things: To work as hard as I possibly can for the people of West Virginia and to never forget where I came from.**What is the most important issue you believe your office will face in the next year, and how will you address it?** Our state government should be focusing on supporting West Virginia workers and their families, especially through this COVID-19 crisis. I want to ensure we have our priorities straight. Because I know when you invest in the people of West Virginia, the return is better than you could have ever imagined**Name:** Rebecca Polis**Office sought:** Senate District 13**Political party:** Republican**Age:** 70**Residence:** Fairmont**Family:** John Polis**Education:** Bachelor of Theology, master's in strategic leadership; certified life coach, certified counselor.**Professional experience:** Administrative, 22-acre apartment complex; coordinate trucking/site management for manufacturing company; counselor, life coach, TV host, local and international teacher and conference speaker; minister.**Political and civic experience:** This is my first time to run for office but I have always voted and supported candidates as I could.**Why did you decide to seek office?** I have a great concern about the direction of our country and state. I want to do my part to ensure that the coming generations would have the same freedoms I have enjoyed.**What is the most important issue you believe your office will face in the next year, and how will you address it?** Job generation and educational reform that will teach academics, civility (the ability to solve conflict without berating, bullying and beating); and more civics that will help students know not only their privileges, but responsibilities.**Rebecca Polis**

STATE SENATE DISTRICT 2

Name: Mike Maroney**Office sought:** State Senate, District 2**Political party:** Republican**Age:** 52**Residence:** Glen Dale**Family:** Two children, Matthew and Megan.**Education:** B.A. chemistry, West Virginia University, 1986-90; M.D., Marshall University School of Medicine, 1990-94; diagnostic radiology residency, University of Maryland Medical System, 1994-98; neuroradiology fellowship, University of Maryland Medical System, 1998-99.**Professional experience:** Physician radiologist, 1999-present, working for Associated Radiologists of Charleston and Radiology Associates of Wheeling.**Political and civic experience:** State Senator District 2, 2017-present; chairman Senate Economic Development Committee, 2017-18; chairman Senate Health and Human Resources Committee, 2019-present; chairman Interim Legislative Oversight Committee on Health and Human Resources, Senate Finance Committee 2017-present; Senate Government Organization Committee, 2017-present; Senate Rules Committee, 2019-present; Governor's Council on Substance Abuse and Treatment.**Why did you decide to seek office?** Four years ago I decided to run for the senate because I wanted to "give back" and make a difference in West Virginia. I am seeking re-election because I realized it is possible to make a difference and I am proud of the path we had West Virginia on. There is more work to do.**What is the most important issue you believe your office will face in the next year, and how will you address it?** The current pandemic. I have already drafted a pandemic bill that deals with all aspects of the current pandemic and future pandemics. This bill addresses everything from reporting, testing, medications and vaccines, medical equipment stockpiles and inventory. It also defines the powers of DHHR, Bureau of Public Health, DMAPS, West Virginia National Guard, the Legislature and the governor. The bill addresses the delicate balance of minimizing spread of disease vs. hurting West Virginians with school closures, business shutdown and social isolation.**Mike Maroney****Name:** Josh Gary**Office sought:** State Senate District 2**Political party:** Democrat**Age:** 41**Residence:** McMechen**Family:** Wife and two daughters.**Education:** B.A., social science education, West Liberty University; M.A., special education, West Virginia University.**Professional experience:** 20 years.**Political and civic experience:** No political experience, president of American Federation of Teachers Local 6566 since 2010.**Why did you decide to seek office?** We need a senator who shows up for the full legislative session and listens to the concerns of all his constituents.**What is the most important issue you believe your office will face next year, and how will you address it?** We need plans in place as soon as possible to fix the crumbling roads as well as outdated water and sewage lines. This will allow our citizens to be able to get from home to work without worrying about damaging their car and to drink the water in their home without fearing it is going to make them sick.**Josh Gary**

HOUSE OF DELEGATES DISTRICT 49

Name: Michael Manypenny II**Office sought:** House of Delegates District 49**Political party:** Democrat**Age:** 61**Residence:** Taylor County**Family:** I love and cherish my entire family including my German Shepherds**Education:** Bachelor's degree in agriculture and forestry from WVU.**Professional experience:** Hemp**Michael Manypenny**

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Name: Amy Summers**Office sought:** House of Delegates District 49**Political party:** Republican**Age:** 57**Residence:** Flemington**Family:** Married 34 years to husband Rod, three children Sarah, Molly and Zac.**Education:** Master of Science in Nursing Leadership and Management from WGU, Bachelor of Science degree in nursing from WVU, Grafton High School 1981.**Amy Summers**

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HOUSE DISTRICT 5

Name: Dave Pethtel**Office sought:** House of Delegates District 5**Political party:** Democrat**Age:** 69**Residence:** Burton**Family:** Wife, Mary Ann Pethtel, married 46 years; two sons, Eric and Kevin, wife Stephanie, and two grandsons, Noah and Trey.**Education:** 1969, Hundred High School; 1973, Glenville State College, B.A.; 1977,

M.A., West Virginia University; 45-plus graduate hours, West Virginia University.

Professional experience: Teacher, 40 years, Wetzel County Schools, retired, June 2013.**Political and civic experience:** I

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**Dave Pethtel**

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Name: Joey Garcia
Office sought: House of Delegates District 50
Political party: Democrat
Age: 37
Residence: Fairmont



Joey Garcia

Family: Married to Heather Hoelscher.
Education: Law degree, West Virginia University College of Law; Bachelor of Arts in history, West Virginia University; graduate of Fairmont Senior High School.

Professional experience: Worked as an attorney for over 11 years. From 2012 to 2017, worked in the office of the governor of West Virginia, including serving as deputy general legal counsel and legislative director to Gov. Earl Ray Tomblin. Since 2017, practiced law at the Manchin Injury Law Group PLLC, in Fairmont, representing individuals as a trial lawyer in personal injury, civil rights and consumer protection cases.

Political and civic experience: Board member, Marion County Chamber of Commerce, 2020; treasurer, Fairmont Marion County Regional Airport Authority, 2019-present; member, Fairmont Lions Club, 2019-present; chair, West Virginia Juvenile Justice Reform Oversight Committee, 2015-18; member (designee), West Virginia Consolidated

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Name: Ronald J. Straight
Office sought: House of Delegates District 50
Political party: Democrat
Age: 68
Residence: Fairmont



Ronald Straight

Education: East Fairmont High School, Fairmont State College, WVU, Leadership Marion.

Political and civic experience: Served on Fairmont City Council for 24 years, four years as mayor of Fairmont, vice chairman of Fairmont Planning and Zoning Commission, current board president of Family Resource Network, former board member of Fairmont General Hospital, former board member of West Virginia Municipal League, delivers Meals on Wheels, Vietnam Era veteran.

Professional experience: Current safety manager, Dave Stanley Consultants; worked in mining industry for 30-plus years; worked in gas sector and electric sector.

Why did you decide to seek office? After gaining experience on the local level and being involved on the state level (with the Municipal League), I know how government works. I now want to use my knowledge to serve Marion County on the state level. I am dedicated to improving the quality of life in our county by attracting more businesses, thus creating more

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production and manufacturing, property management, farm and nursery manager, landscaping construction and maintenance manager, business owner.

Political and civic experience: As a former member of the House of Delegates, I served as chairman of West Virginia Legislative Oversight Committee in the state's Water Resources, chair of Parks and Recreation and vice chair of Agriculture. I have also served as founder and or president or member on over 10 non-profit boards of directors including West Virginia Centers for Independent Living, Family Resources Center, Project HOP2E food bank, Tygart Valley Chamber of Commerce, Taylor County Child Advocacy Network and many more.

Why did you decide to seek office? For years, I advocated for recycling and the environment issues. I had a very close friend, Greg Hooton, who, being a quadrapalegic, advocated for people with dis-

abilities. I used to help Greg perform ADA assessments on buildings to determine what improvements were needed for those buildings to come into ADA compliance. I eventually took his place on the West Virginia Centers for Independent Living board after he passed and decided to run for office to advocate for important issues like these.

What is the most important issue you believe your office will face in the next year, and how will you address it? COVID has more citizens needing to work remotely along with our children being required to do virtual learning. High speed internet access is the issue that needs fixed. With so many areas in West Virginia being unserved and underserved by high speed access, we need to think outside the box to resolve this problem. [I would endorse] Creating internet cooperatives similar to how we electrified rural America in the 1930s making expanded internet a publicly owned and operated utility.

Name: Phil Mallow
Office sought: House of Delegates District 50
Political party: Republican
Age: 62
Residence: Fairmont
Education: Graduate of Allegany College, Cumberland, Md.



Phil Mallow

Political and civic experience: I have never held political office. I organize and hold a conservative luncheon in Marion County every Wednesday to keep the citizens up to date on political

issues. I am a member of the NRA and support the West Virginia Citizens Defense League. I am a member of the Marion County Farm Bureau and the Marion County Republican Committee. I was a Republican delegate for President Trump at the 2018 GOP national convention representing West Virginia.

Professional experience: Retired from UPS management, 36 years.

Why did you decide to seek office? Did not respond.

What is the most important issue you believe your office will face in the next year, and how will you address it? Did not respond.

Name: Guy Ward
Office sought: West Virginia House of Delegates, District 50
Political party: Republican
Age: 64
Residence: White Hall



Guy Ward

Family: Wife, Joyce; one son, Christopher, age 35.

Education: Associate of Applied Science, Fairmont State University.

Professional experience: Retired early from First Energy in 2011 as a material analyst with over 33 years.

Political and civic experience: Marion County Commission, 2012; mayor of White Hall 2013-19; West Virginia House of Delegates 2017-2018; Fairmont Rotary, 2012-present; White Hall Kiwanis, 2005-present; Fairmont Lions, 2012 to present.

Why did you decide to seek office? This is the greatest country on the face of the earth and that's because of our freedoms that we enjoy by the Constitution. Because I want future generations to have what I have, I'm seeking another term in the House of Delegates to help in the fight to preserve these freedoms, which are under attack by those on the far left who want to dismantle our Constitution and destroy our way of life.

What is the most important issue you believe your office will face in the next year, and how will you address it? Because of the economic impact brought on by the coronavirus, the budget will be the biggest challenge to legislators. My experience as an analyst with First Energy and my many years as a government official uniquely qualify me for the task. My overall plan would be to reduce taxes and maintain the current budget. Then assist businesses with tax relief or credits to help reduce the unemployment numbers and restart the economy.

ELECTION 2020 COVERAGE

The Dominion Post will bring readers the most up-to-date election information throughout election night — Nov. 3 — at Dominion-Post.com.

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HOUSE OF DELEGATES DISTRICT 51 VOTE FOR 5

Name: Barbara Evans Fleischauer
Office sought: House of Delegates
Political party: Democrat
Age: 67
Residence: Outside city limits of Morgantown.



Barbara Evans Fleischauer

Education: B.A., Allegheny College; J.D. WVU.

Political and civic experience: Current member of West Virginia House of Delegates; minority chair House Committee on Judiciary; former chair, House Committee on Constitutional Revision, former co-chair Joint Veterans Affairs, Joint Equal Pay Commission and Joint Juvenile Task Force; former vice chair, House Health and Human Resources; current House

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Name: Evan Hansen
Office sought: House of Delegates, District 51
Political party: Democratic
Age: 54
Residence: Morgantown



Evan Hansen

Family: My father, Ed Hansen, and son, Reese Hansen, both live in Morgantown.

Education: M.S., energy and resources, University of California-Berkeley; B.S., computer science and engineering, Massachusetts Institute of

Technology.
Professional experience: Founded and serves as president of Downstream Strategies, a 15-person consulting firm based in Morgantown, which helps

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Name: Cindy Frich
Office sought: House of Delegates district 51
Party: Republican
Age: 60
Residence: Morgantown



Cindy Frich

Family: Quarantining with my two 86-year-old parents.

Education: Miami University, Oxford, Ohio, B.A. political science; post grad.

Professional experience: Sales; helped care for my paternal grandparents; cared for/helped two recovering heroin addicts.

Political and civic experience: Elected House of Delegates 2002, 2004, 2012, 2014, 2016. Served on five of the six

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Name: Zach LeMaire
Office sought: House of Delegates District 51
Political party: Republican
Age: 18
Residence: Morgantown

Family: Michael Mansberry, step-father; Jasina Mansberry, mother; Sayje Mansberry, sister.

Education: Morgantown High School

Professional experience: None provided.

Political and civic experience: Libertarian Youth Caucus, national treasurer; Libertarian Youth Caucus of West Virginia, executive director.

Why did you decide to seek office? I decided to run for the House of Delegates because I believe that the time has come to enact real change in our government. As a member of the

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Name: Rodney A. Pyles
Office sought: House of Delegates District 51
Political party: Democrat
Age: 75
Residence: Morgantown



Rodney Pyles

Family: Wife, Carol Wroblewski Pyles, one daughter, Janessa Pyles.

Education: Bachelor's and master's degrees in political science; West Virginia University, 30 hours toward a PhD.

Professional experience: Taught political science at WVU, 1968-69, and Alderson-Broadbent College, 1969-71; assistant curator, historical collection, WVU Library, 1971-77; Director of Archives and History, State of West Virginia, 1977-85; chief deputy assessor,

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Name: Danielle Walker
Office sought: House of Delegates District 51
Political party: Democrat
Age: 44
Residence: Morgantown



Danielle Walker

Family: Single mother of two sons, Demetry Walker and Devin Walker. My mother, Debbie Bernard, resides in Morgantown. My father, Oscar Walker Sr., resides in Lafayette, La.

Education: New Iberia Senior High School New Iberia, La., honor graduate, 1994; Teche Area Technical School, New Iberia, La., accounting certificate; University of Southwestern Louisiana Lafayette,

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Name: Todd Stainbrook
Office sought: House of Delegates District 51
Political party: Republican
Age: 49
Residence: Morgantown



Todd Stainbrook

Family: My core family lives here in Morgantown. I have two adult children and a 6-year-old son. My parents and one of my sisters are here as well.

Education: I've completed several courses on finance and business management and currently enrolled with Purdue University.

Professional experience: I have been a business owner or subcontractor for the last 30 years.

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Name: Joe Statler
Office sought: House of Delegates District 51
Political party: Republican
Age: 67
Residence: Core



Joe Statler

Family: Married 42 years to wife, Louie; three daughters, Michelle, a CPA, Kristen, M.D., and Marissa, J.D.; four grandchildren.

Education: Clay-Battelle High School.

Professional experience: Retired from the mining industry and a lifelong farmer.

Political and civic experience: Served 10 years on the Monongalia County Board of Education, four years

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GARCIA

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Public Retirement Board, 2013-15.

Why did you decide to seek office? I am running to put families first and make sure Marion County will always be a great place to live, work and raise a family. I want more West Virginians to have the opportunity to stay or come back to West Virginia. To maintain and attract young people, we need better quality jobs, local access to quality health care and a first-class public education system.

What is the most important issue

you believe your office will face in the next year, and how will you address it? Our state's response to the COVID-19 pandemic. Our legislature should have already been called into special session to collaborate on policy issues and the disbursement of federal CARES Act funding to protect public health, to support small businesses, to ensure housing and food security and to facilitate public education for teachers, students and parents. As a legislator, I will advocate for increased oversight by the Legislature on spending and the overall response to this crisis.

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jobs for local labor. This will help to increase our tax base.

What is the most important issue you believe your office will face in the next year, and how will you address it? Because the coronavirus has affected every aspect of life, including business,

industry, education and quality of life, it is the most important issue. We must get this epidemic under control by having everyone on the same page and enforcing full compliance. If elected, I would have a continued dialogue with state medical experts to determine which procedures would need to be addressed. I would advocate for more testing and more testing supplies countywide.

Candidates Michael Angelucci and Daron McIntire did not respond in time to be included in this special section.

HOUSE OF DELEGATES DISTRICT 51 VOTE FOR 5

Name: Justin White
Office sought: House of Delegates District 51

Political party: Republican
Age: 49
Residence: Westover

Family: Wife, Diana White; children, Philip White, daughters, Logan and Madelyn White.



Justin White

Education: Bachelor of Science in exercise physiology, Master of Science in exercise physiology, and minor in health care administration through the Masters of Public Administration at West Virginia University.

Professional experience: Small business owner of Premier Landscapes; prior adjunct faculty for the College of Business and Economics at West Virginia University, teaching small business management and entrepreneurship.

Political and civic experience: This is my first venture into the political realm, but I have always been community- and civic-minded. I have a strong interest in Habitat for Humanity. I've served on the construction sites and dedicated my company's resources and personnel in helping complete homes for our hardworking friends and neighbors. I've worked with Christian Help's Jobs for Life program in mentoring adults with disabilities and disadvantages and participated in the Feed Mon Kids program during COVID. I have also worked on many mission projects with my church.

Why did you decide to seek office? I've felt the calling to political service for years now. The timing is now right for me to launch my campaign. Monongalia County and West Virginia face great challenges. I believe our Legislature needs the balanced voice of a person with the demeanor and broad experience in order to work with all representative parties to solve the myriad of problems our state faces. I feel that I bring that character and experience to the table.

What is the most important issue you believe your office will face in the next year, and how will you address it? Job development is the linchpin to West Virginia's success. We need to attract businesses to the state, especially manufacturing and the traditional trades. This will provide secure, well-paying jobs to our residents. We must then couple that with

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Name: John Williams
Office sought: House of Delegates District 51

Political party: Democratic
Age: 30
Residence: Morgantown

Family: I have been married to my wife Jaime for a little over a year. We have a beloved 2-year-old Jack Russell-Lab mix, Beesly.



John Williams

Education: Bachelor's degree, WVU.

Political and civic experience: I was elected to the House of Delegates in 2016 and am finishing my second term. Additionally, I proudly serve on various boards within our community.

Professional experience: I work in financial services for Northwestern Mutual, where I work with clients to help them achieve their financial goals, while making sure that we protect what they

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as vice president. Served four years in the House of Delegates on House Education (vice chair), Fire and EMS (chair), Roads and Transportation, Energy, Agriculture & Natural Resources, Industry and Labor, Political Subdivisions. Also served on the Education Oversight Joint Committee. Served on community boards: Clark Family Foundation, Mylan Park, Operation Welcome Home, PACE, Olive United Methodist Church Trustees, MPO (chair), Chamber of Commerce Transportation Committee.

Why did you decide to seek office? I believe we all should give back to the community and this is one way to serve and make changes in policy that will enrich the lives of every citizen in the state of West Virginia. I also believe in working with others to find solutions to problems we face as a state.

What is the most important issue you believe your office will face in the next year, and how will you address it? There are many issues but one very important one is how COVID intensified the need for better broadband in our state for our students to be able to do remote education and parents to be able to work from home. We need better infrastructure so students and parents do not have to travel outside their home to have internet access. We must identify resources to correct this problem facing all of West Virginia.

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Political and civic experience: New to politics.

Why did you decide to seek office? Complaining about the current representation for our district doesn't solve any problems. I feel it's my civic duty to try to make a difference in the direction we all see our state going in.

What is the most important issue you believe your office will face in the next year, and how will you address it? The division within our country and state to me is the biggest problem I feel we all face. We must figure out a way to work together across party lines in order to have the opportunity to do what's best for every Mountaineer within our great state!

PYLES

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Monongalia County, 1985-88.

Political and civic experience: Assessor of Monongalia County, six terms, 1989-2012; served on the Morgantown Historic Landmarks Commission, 1986-2018; Morgantown Library Board, 1988-91; Morgantown Museum Commission, 2015-19; Board of Trustees, West Virginia Public Theater, 1999-2014. Member, Knights of Columbus, Sons of Italy, Monongalia Historical Society and Suncrest Area Kiwanis.

Why did you decide to seek office? I saw service in the state Legislature as a way to improve and help. Improve roads, education and the tax structure. Help senior citizens, working families, minorities and animals.

What is the most important issue you believe your office will face in the next year, and how will you address it? Another budget crisis is almost certain, and the legislature will need to find additional revenue. I will oppose any attempt to bring back the sales tax on food. The income tax can be increased on persons with incomes over \$200,000. Legalization of marijuana and its taxation could be another source of revenue. The governor previously proposed a sugary drink tax.

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La., some college.

Professional experience: Collection supervisor/patient advocate, Southwest Medical Hospital, Lafayette; income tax preparer, Tax Break, Breaux Bridge, La.; census worker, Lafayette; direct care worker, Public Partnerships Morgantown; insurance receptionist, Allstate, Morgantown; interim executive director of CARE, Charleston.

Political and civic experience: House of Delegates District 51, 2019-20; Morgantown/Kingwood NAACP No. 3241 member; Morgantown National Organization of Women member; Farm Bureau member; United Mine Workers Association member; International Union of Painters and Allied Trades member; Read Aloud board member; Moms Demand Action member; Morgantown Pride member; Moms Clean Air Force member; League of Women Voters member; North West Virginia Center for Independent Living board member; West Virginia Family of Convicted People advisory board member; West Virginians For Health Policy and Action Fund board member.

Why did you decide to seek office? I decided to seek office to represent all Mountaineers — those who felt they are voiceless, others who are houseless, small business owners, some facing health care disparities, especially with addiction, mental health and reproductive rights. Minorities in West Virginia need representation and policies that will protect and welcome diversity, inclusion and equity.

What is the most important issue you believe your office will face in the next year, and how will you address it? The most important issue my office will face next legislative year is a livable wage for working people and working families and eliminate discrimination by reintroducing the Fairness Act, Crown (Create a Respectful and Open Workplace for Natural hair) Act and criminal justice reform bills. I will address each by allowing a platform for all Mountaineers to share their truth. Government is by the people, for the people and must be with the people.

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youngest voting generation, I can offer a unique and much needed alternative perspective on the issues that face our state and community. I believe that it's time to ignite the fire within everyone to create and execute important and effective solutions for our state and community.

What is the most important issue you believe your office will face in the next year, and how will you address it? The most important issue will be recovering from COVID-19. If elected, the first bill I will propose is a tax cut and flat tax reform to put money back in the pockets of West Virginians. This money would allow them to take better care of their families in the COVID-19 pandemic. After the end of COVID-19, this will encourage West Virginians to work hard without the fear of being bumped into a higher tax bracket.

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the opportunity for proper training of our workforce so that they can be productive, profitable and dependable. Better education, healthcare, infrastructure and family cohesion will then closely follow the opportunity of secure, permanent employment.

WILLIAMS

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already have.

Why did you decide to seek office? My involvement in government stemmed from my strong desire to work for the community and its people that I care about. West Virginia, and more specifically Monongalia County, has always been my home, and I want to make it an even better place to live for all of its inhabitants.

What is the most important issue you believe your office will face in the next year, and how will you address it? Ensuring that West Virginia can bounce back in a post-COVID world is a huge priority. This will require intelligent economic investment in growth regions such as ours. Making West Virginia an attractive place for businesses to relocate post-COVID will have a broad effect that will help the entire state. The effort includes fixing our crumbling roads, as well as establishing statewide broadband.

FRICH

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major committees, including Finance, Judiciary and Health. Was chair of Banking and Insurance Committee and vice-chair of Legislative Rule Making Review Committee overseeing state regulations. Passed reforms making state economically competitive. Lead sponsor of HB2620, Drug Control Policy Act, for prevention, treatment and reduction of substance abuse. Eliminated food tax. Fought for WVU funding. Championed your liberties.

Why did you decide to seek office? I've been guided by my desire to make West Virginia a place where our children can receive a good education, have opportunities available to remain in the state, provide for their families and retire in a healthy, safe community. I governed as a pragmatist finding solutions. In contrast, our current delegation is extremely radical. They're trying to eliminate the Electoral College, making West Virginians irrelevant. They voted for infanticide which is inhumane. They need replaced.

What is the most important issue you believe your office will face in the next year, and how will you address it? Security for West Virginians in jobs, health, education and safety. Serving on the Finance Committee, I've created a sustainable state budget and understand where we can and cannot make funding cuts. Continue economic reforms to improve economy and job creation. Provide educational options for parents. Continue my focus on solutions to the opioid epidemic by getting people into treatment. Continue addressing the regional jail situation and support law enforcement.

Absentee ballots

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Registered voters in Monongalia County who will be out of town during the period of Early Voting through Election Day or who are confined to their homes on Election Day and the entirety of the early voting period may apply for an absentee ballot no later than Oct. 28.

Ballots are to be returned by mail and must be postmarked by the date of the election, Nov. 3.

Military and overseas voters may take advantage of the online ballot deliv-

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and joint member, Judiciary, Health & Human Resources, Veterans-Affairs, and Rule-Making Review committees; current member, House Rules Committee; past member, House Finance, Select Committee on Workers Compensation, Technology committees.

Professional experience: Licensed attorney in West Virginia since 1982; private law practice; former special assistant attorney general for the state of West Virginia; general counsel, United Mine Workers District 31; investigator for the Pennsylvania Human Relations Commission.

Why did you decide to seek office? My experience helps me get things done at the legislature during the short, 60-day session and all year long. I listen and respond when citizens ask for help. I am a fighter when it comes to fairness for individuals, for our county and for West Virginia. I am a hard worker. My legal training helps me to be a strong advocate for women and families, veterans and seniors, employees and small businesses.

What is the most important issue you believe your office will face in the next year, and how will you address it? We now know that expanding broadband in West Virginia is critical for our education system, for jobs and for health care. We also must improve our local public health system by providing a steady funding stream so that it works well when we need it. We need to smooth the transition to an economy not based solely on fossil fuels with more funding for public and higher education, always making sure no one is left behind.

ery system by applying for an online absentee ballot using the separate Federal Post Card Application (FPCA).

If you fear voting in person due to the severity of the COVID-19 pandemic, you may apply for an absentee ballot using the standard application. Check box 1 for "illness, which keeps me confined."

Request a ballot from the county clerk at 304-291-7230 or online at <https://sos.wv.gov>

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build resilient communities, promote economic development and protect the environment. Thirty years of experience consulting for government agencies, nonprofits, attorneys, businesses and individuals. Have developed computer models, provided testimony on issues related to environmental laws and policies and led multi-disciplinary research teams that integrate science and policy.

Political and civic experience: I was first elected to the House of Delegates in 2018. I am a father, scientist and founder of a small business. Serves as a board member for Morgantown Rotary, Spark! Imagination and Science Center, Monongalia County Read Aloud and other nonprofits. Also serves on the U.S. EPA's Local Government Advisory Council. Prior to being elected, I provided invited testimony before state and federal legislative committees regarding water science and policy.

Why did you decide to seek office? After the 2014 chemical leak contaminated the water supply for 300,000 West Virginians, I spent considerable time at the Capitol helping to shape the Legislature's response. I was proud to have helped develop the bipartisan bill that strengthened protections for drinking water across the state. I ran for office because I was frustrated with local delegates who voted to chip away at these protections, against the best interests of the residents of Monongalia County.

What is the most important issue you believe your office will face in the next year, and how will you address it? After spearheading passage of the bipartisan solar jobs bill in 2020, I'll continue to work toward diversifying West Virginia's economy so that our children and grandchildren have opportunities to stay in the state. I'll help repair the damage to our economy caused by the COVID-19 pandemic. I'll invest in public education, broadband and foster care and advocate for Monongalia County to get its fair share of state funds to fix local roads and infrastructure.

HOUSE OF DELEGATES DISTRICT 52

Name: Junior "JR" Wolfe
Office Sought: House of Delegates District 52.

Political Party: Democrat

Age: 58

Residence: Bruceton Mills

Family: Wife Cheryl, two sons and four grandchildren.

Education: 1980, Central Preston High School; 1995, WVU, B.S., agriculture major in agronomy.

Professional experience: Veterinary technician, two years; school bus driver, two years; USDA Natural Resources Conservation Worker's



JR Wolfe

Career Center, 33 years.

Political and civic experience: I have been a member of Rotary International since 2002. During that period, I led a team to the Philippines, where we stayed for a month, sharing with Rotarians there about our governments, our culture and our home lives. I served as president of my Rotary Club and then as district governor for northern West Virginia. As district governor, I visited over 30 clubs in the district and shared in the work they were doing in their communities. I also attended international conferences in Lisbon, Bangkok and Sydney.

Why did you decide to seek office? I decided to run to try to change the direction the state legislature was taking on many issues. I believe West Virginia can do much better than it has in the past. It only needs a new vision of what it takes for everyone in the state to prosper. I was emboldened by meeting members of the West Virginia Can't Wait coalition and decided that, as a group, we could make a difference for our state.

What is the most important issue you believe your office will face in the next year, and how will you address it? Education is the most important issue. We need our kids to learn how to succeed in our rapidly changing world. I think a better education system in the state will also help attract businesses and create jobs.

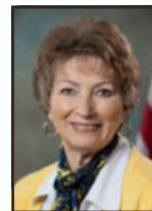
Following close behind are infrastructure and the opioid drug crises as well as health care. There is a lot to do and we don't need to be wasting time during the session on nonsense legislation.

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Name: Terri Funk Sypolt
Office sought: Delegate District 52
Political party: Republican
Age: 66.

Residence: Kingwood area

Family: Together, Dave and I have five adult children, nine grandchildren and two great grandchildren. I am one of the very fortunate West Virginians that my two sons, five grandchildren and two great-grandchildren are all living in Preston County.



Terri Sypolt

Education: Newburg High School, 1971; Fairmont State University, leadership and management; Licensed Real Estate Agent (inactive); IAAO Courses and Appraisal Courses by the State Tax Department.

Professional experience: The past four years I have been your conservative voice, as promised, by addressing the drug problem, improving the foster care system, including the kinship and grandfamilies programs, making improvements to the educational system, protecting the unborn, helping seniors, veterans and first responders, working on getting our citizens back to work with educational and transportation assistance, also, protecting your 2nd Amendment rights and working toward better roads. This is not a part time job.

Political and civic experience:

Political — Four years West Virginia State Delegate, 16 years as Preston County Assessor (total 38 years in the assessor's office).

Civic — Member of the Kingwood Lions Club, previous Valley District Lions Club Member; member of Gladesville CEOs; member of Preston County and West Virginia Farm Bureau; charter member of the Preston County FFA Alumni; member of Preston County Chamber of Commerce, former board member; member of the NRA, Mountaineer Friends of the NRA and the West Virginia Citizens Defense League.

Why did you decide to seek office? My dedication is to make West Virginia a better place to live, work and raise a family. During the past four years, I have worked with constituents, agencies and legislators to accomplish this goal, but my work in the Legislature is far from over. If you have ever listened to discus-

HOUSE OF DELEGATES DISTRICT 53

Name: Cory Chase
Office sought: House of Delegates District 53

Political party: Democrat

Age: 37

Residence: Dryfork

Family: One daughter, 10.

Education: Davis-Thomas Elementary School; Tucker County High School; B.S. liberal arts and sciences, Magna Cum Laude, WVU, 2009.

Cory Chase

Professional experience: Small business owner since 2003, licensed massage therapist; project coordinator, Heart of the Highlands Trail System.

Political and civic experience: Active board member, Tucker County Development Authority; Tucker County Cultural District Authority; Mountain Laurel Learning Cooperative Fundraising Committee.

Why did you decide to seek office? I don't feel like everyday people are being represented, and I wanted to be a voice for change in Charleston. Opioids have ruined entire communities across the state, yet cannabis is still illegal. Teachers had to go on strike twice, yet PEIA has hardly been addressed. Wages have stagnated for too long, yet our governor owes millions in back taxes. We aren't going to get real representation unless we elect young, new leadership.

What is the most important issue you believe your office will face in the next year, and how will you address it? West Virginia already has far too many ongoing crises that COVID-19 has only made worse. I believe the most important issue is corruption within the government. How can we expect change if we don't stop the corruption? No one party is going to save us. If we don't regulate lobbyists and prosecute political and white collar crime, then many of the other important issues like education, health care, broadband, good jobs, etc. will not be fixed.

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Name: D.R. "Buck" Jennings
Office sought: House of Delegates District 53

Political party: Republican

Age: 69

Residence: Scotch Hill

Family: Wife, Evelyn, of 50 years. Children: Chris Jennings of Newburg, Stacey Marshall and Laird of Shepherdstown, and Craig Jennings and Jessica of Kingwood. Grandchildren: Cory Jennings and Darcy of Scotch Hill, Blake Jennings,



Buck Jennings

and Evelyn "Charlee" Jennings. Great-grandchildren: Casen Jennings and Huntlea Jennings.

Education: High school diploma, and multiple fire, paramedic and rescue hours.

Professional experience: 42 years in construction, Emergency Medical Technician and Firefighter Instructor.

Political and civic experience: President of Fellowsville Volunteer Fire Department, president of Mountaineer Ambulance, and 3 1/2 years House Delegate District 53.

Why did you decide to seek office? I want to help my community.

What is the most important issue you believe your office will face in the next year, and how will you address it? Our children's future will be the most important issue every year. I want to expand economic opportunities through job growth by developing our infrastructure, support small classroom sizes not only for students, but also teachers, and help individuals get clean from drug abuse to support strong two-parent families.

Voter ID

Beginning Jan. 1, 2018, voters must show a form of identification to vote in person during the Early Voting period or on Election Day in any election. Any ID shown for voting purposes must be valid.

MONONGALIA COUNTY COMMISSION

Name: Jeff Arnett
Office sought: Monongalia County Commissioner

Political party: Democrat

Age: 47

Residence: Cheat Lake

Family: Married 18 years to Angela; three kids, Aiden, 16, Julia, 13, Aa, 8.



Jeff Arnett

Education: Second Ward Elementary, South Junior High; Morgantown High School; BSJ, WVU, 1995; JD, WVU College of Law, 1999.

Professional experience: Attorney since 1999. Law Office of Jeffrey L.

Arnett PLLC, since Jan. 1, 2007.

Political and civic experience: No political experience. Civic experience: President of the Board of the Senior Monongalians; church committees; volunteer basketball, baseball and soccer coach (not currently active in any coaching).

Why did you decide to seek office? It became apparent to me that someone needed to look after and protect our citizens' property rights. After the attempted annexation and now the subdivision regulation, I think it is important to have someone on the county commission who has experience, knowledge and understanding of property rights and laws making those decisions. I've been a property lawyer for over 20 years. I can bring that knowledge to the commission.

What is the most important issue you believe your office will face in the next year, and how will you address it? I think the subdivision regulation that is forthcoming is a huge issue. Also, the

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sion/debates on the house floor, it is evident that we need someone who will vote for Preston County conservatives' values.

What is the most important issue you believe is facing West Virginia and how would you fix it? My goal is to make West Virginia a better place to live, work and raise a family. No one can go to Charleston and expect success by working on a single issue, as all our problems are interrelated from improving educational opportunities, improving roads and utility infrastructure, especially broadband. I have and will continue to work with legislators, agencies and constituents to accomplish these goals.

Name: Ed Hawkins
Office sought: Monongalia County Commissioner

Political party: Republican

Age: 72

Residence: I reside on Hawkins Dairy at Easton on the family farm my Grandpa Hawkins established in 1918.



Ed Hawkins

Family: My family consists of one son, Nickolas, who resides in Charleston, S.C. I am the son of Forrest and Ethel Mae Hawkins and I have one brother, TJ Hawkins and one sister, Linda Ann Dimmick.

Henry Rufus Hawkins, and Paddington Livingston Hawkins, both rescue pups, reside in my household.

Education: Easton Grade School; Cheat Lake Junior High School; 1966 graduate of University High; WVU, 1966-70, B.A. in English; 1970-74, WVU School of Dentistry, DDS.

Professional experience: I began my employment working for my father's construction company from 1963 till my graduation from dental school. I joined Dr. Fred Wilson at Morgantown Dental Group and spent 40 years in private practice of dentistry. Being a small business owner is an education unto itself and helped prepare me for my current position as Monongalia County commissioner upon retirement from my dental practice.

Political and civic experience: Thirty years of service on the Camp Muffly Park Board, over a decade on the Planning Commission, chaired the revival of the Monongalia County Fair, 30 years service as a volunteer 4-H Leader and camp counselor. Currently on the Metropolitan Theater Commission and the Extension Services Committee. I serve as county commission liaison to the volunteer firemen. I am a graduate of Leadership Monongalia Read Aloud and volunteer at Cheat Lake Elementary.

Why did you decide to seek office? I am seeking re-election to the position I began to prepare myself for decades ago. My Grandpa Hawkins and my father both provided volunteer public service, so I simply followed in their footsteps. I prepared by volunteering for all the boards I previously named beginning 30 years ago. In that way, I gained the experience, the knowledge and the leadership skills necessary to be a Monongalia County commissioner,

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PRESTON COUNTY COMMISSION

Name: Don Smith
Office sought: Preston County Commissioner

Political party: Republican

Age: 52

Residence: Kingwood



Don Smith

Family: Wife Vickie, and four furry ones.

Education: Bachelor of Science in mathematics

Professional experience: Civilian employee of the U.S. Army for 20 years including Senior Civilian Manager of an

Army Training Unit, which involved (but was not limited to) managing budgets and human resources; Army Reserve Master Sergeant with over 28 years of service.

Political and civic experience: County commissioner; chairman of Preston County Solid Waste Authority and Preston County Republican Executive Committee; board member of Greater Morgantown Convention and Visitors Bureau; member of Preston County Chamber of Commerce, Preston County Humane Society, Kingwood Lions, Kingwood Fraternal Order of Eagles (former president) and Mason Dixon Football officials board; and life member of Kingwood VFW.

Why did you decide to seek office? I am passionate about the citizens of Preston County and all our wonderful county has to offer and want to continue to serve our constituents.

What is the most important issue you believe your office will face in the next year, and how will you address it? Recovery from the economic impact of the revenue slowdown created by the pandemic. The county budget has experienced decreased tax revenue; I have the budgetary experience necessary to make the proper decisions to keep the county fiscally sound. Also, I will continue to work in partnership with our state legislators to advocate for improved roads and broadband infrastructure to expand business and residential development, which will expand our tax base and benefit our citizens.

Name: Lynn Housner
Office sought: Preston County Commissioner

Political party: Independent

Age: 69

Residence: Kingwood



Lynn Housner

Family: Wife, Katrina D'Andrea.

Education: B.S. University of Virginia; M.A. and Ph.D., University of Pittsburgh.

Professional experience: University of Texas, three years; New Mexico State University, 10 years; West Vir-

ginia University, 19 years, professor and associate dean.

Political and civic experience: Past president Preston County Parks and Recreation Commission and the Preston Community Arts Center; co-organizer of the Preston County Music & Arts Festival; co-chair, Promoting Preston County; and team member, Blueprint Kingwood group.

Why did you decide to seek office? I worked at WVU for 19 years and was uninvolved in my community. In 2012, I suffered an illness that put me in a wheelchair for life and caused me to retire early. I was not ready to stop working, so I got involved in community service.

I love Kingwood and Preston County and saw the potential of Preston County in terms of business, tourism, as a retirement community, in energy production, etc. I want to provide leadership to help us realize our potential.

What is the most important issue you believe your office will face in the next year, and how will you address it? There are a number of issues impeding the progress of Preston County that need to be addressed. I would develop a county-wide committee that would develop a strategic plan for addressing issues like hunger, homelessness, teen pregnancy, opioid addiction, road maintenance, tourism and workforce development. I would encourage collaboration with WVU faculty and programs when possible. The coordinating committee would meet several times a year to make sure that the task forces are progressing.

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PRESTON COUNTY SHERIFF

Name: Paul “Moe” Pritt
Office sought: Sheriff of Preston County
Political party: Republican
Age: 50
Residence: Terra Alta
Family: Married with three children



Moe Pritt

Education: East Preston Senior High 1988 graduate; Fairmont State University, 1992, B.S. criminal justice, minor political science; West Virginia State Police Academy 1994, certified law enforcement officer.
Law Enforcement Instructor: Pistol, rifle, shotgun; radar/lidar; pepper spray, expandable batons and over 700-plus annual in-service credit hours training in criminal investigations, policy, management, law enforcement oversight as well as liability, budget and human resources and other policing aspects.
Professional experience: A life-long

resident, I have been a police officer in Preston County over 27 years. I have trained numerous officers, have investigated serious crimes from murder and sexual assault as well as misdemeanor crimes. As chief deputy, I assure accountability and appropriate response to reported crimes as well as seeing that matters are thoroughly investigated for successful prosecutions while being fiscally responsible and utilizing personnel efficiently to cover the county.
Political and civic experience: I’m a member of the West Virginia Deputy Sheriff’s Association, Preston County Deputy Sheriff’s Association, Monongalia and Preston County Fraternal Order of Police and West Virginia Narcotics Officers Association. I am endorsed by the FOP and Deputy Sheriff’s Association. I have been a youth league coach for T-ball and Little League baseball as well as girls’ fast pitch softball for over 20 years. Currently the head coach of the girls’ softball team at Preston High.

Why did you decide to seek office? I want to continue the successful leadership and have an efficient, accountable, successful law enforcement agency that aggressively attacks those that prey on our citizens. Continuation of efforts that have resulted in felony drug arrests. Over \$90,000 in cash and assets seized, as well as proactive patrols by all deputies leading to a reduction and solving of reported crimes.
What is the most important issue you believe your office will face in the next year, and how will you address it? Holding those that commit crimes accountable. If elected I will see the office operates in an efficient, fiscally responsible manner, holding all accountable for their actions. See that sheriff’s office functions are carried out lawfully, fairly and impartially. Professional and equal representation for all county citizens. I will be accessible to all citizens and continue work with all local, state and federal entities to reduce crime and curb drug dealing and usage.

Name: Arnold. D. Tichnell.
Office sought: Sheriff of Preston
Political party: Democrat
Age: 71
Residence: Bruceton Mills.
Family: Five sisters, eight stepchildren and 14 stepgrandchildren.



Arnold Tichnell

Education: Newburg High School until my parents moved. GED and some college credits.
Professional Experience: Seven years as chief of the Tunnelton Police Department, seven years and seven months in U.S. Army, military credits in criminal law and accounting.
Political and civic experience: American Legion.
Why did you decide to seek office? I was asked by a few Prestonians. It’s time for a change in law enforcement.
What is the most important issue you believe is facing West Virginia and how would you fix it? Drugs. Crack down hard on offenders and bring cold cases up-to-date.

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which demands full-time dedication.
What is the most important issue you believe your office will face in the next year, and how will you address it? COVID-19 has shown the necessity of broadband expansion. Our children must have an equal quality education, and internet access is, in truth, no longer a luxury. The recent \$25 million donation to WVU to create a home/work/play destination and improve economic opportunities will demand expansion to stop the brain drain and recruit professionals to our county. Meetings to work with Greene County are already scheduled to discuss joint efforts.

ARNETT

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homeless problem, continued fallout from COVID and many other issues. I will tackle the subdivision regulation by ensuring that the regulations do not hamper or limit development in Mon County. We have to be able to keep moving forward with development, both residential and commercial.

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Professional experience: Currently a staff nurse WVU Medicine/UHC emergency department. Past experiences include nursing management and adjunct professor in nursing. Family owns Morrow Hill Farm where we raise beef, vegetables and eggs.
Political and civic experience: Elected in 2014, 2016 and 2018 to the West Virginia House of Delegates. After four years, chosen to be the West Virginia House Majority Leader, the first female to serve in this role. Also past vice chairman of the House Health Committee. Served my community for 19 years as a volunteer EMT/paramedic and 11 years as the medical examiner. Member Bridgeport United Methodist Church. Member Grafton Lions Club, the NRA

and various cattle organizations.
Why did you decide to seek office? I raised my children and served my community for years. I decided I wanted to take my efforts to the state house. West Virginia was stagnant in its direction and needed fresh ideas to change its trajectory. One example is the roads. They had been neglected and needed someone to push for change. We have done that. While it will take time to fix them, there is at least a plan!
What is the most important issue you believe your office will face in the next year, and how will you address it? The most important issue will be a review process of the pandemic response and an action plan to fix any failures. Additional issues that developed due to the pandemic will also need addressed, such as continued efforts to improve broadband and telehealth. We will propose legislation for these topics.

EARLY VOTING

Early voting begins Wednesday and runs through Oct. 31.
Hours are 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Monday-Saturday.

All registered voters within Monongalia County can vote at any of the following locations:
Mountaineer Mall, 5000 Green Bag Road, Unit D-20, Morgantown
Mason-Dixon Park, 79 Buckeye Road, Core
WVU Alumni Center, 1 Alumni Drive, Morgantown
Fort Pierpont, 200 Fort Pierpont Drive, Suite 102, Morgantown

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was first elected to the House of Delegates in 1988 and served continuously until 1994. I was once again elected in 1998 and have served continuously to the present time being, re-elected every two years. I have served on the Board of Directors of Clay-Battelle Health Services Association for over 20 years.
Why did you decide to seek office? I enjoy public service and helping people. I am a moderate and believe in working in a bipartisan manner to pass laws that will make West Virginia a better place to live, work and raise a family.
What is the most important issue you believe your office will face the next year, and how will you address it? In addition to passing a budget, I will continue to support policies that improve highway infrastructure, broadband and cell service. I am pleased to have worked with Division of Highways, District 4, for the improvement of W.Va. 7 from the Mon/Wetzel line to Morgantown.
Will further develop the oil and natural gas industry in an environmentally sound manner to compete for downstream jobs. Our regulations must be competitive with Ohio and Pennsylvania.

Phillip W. Wiley did not respond in time to be included in this section.

WHY YOU SHOULD VOTE | STATISTICS

We Can Do Better

Voter turnout in the United States fluctuates in national elections but has never been as strong as other well-established democracies.

Only 60 percent of the voting eligible population heads to the polls during presidential election years, according to the Center for Voting and Democracy. This number drops to 40 percent during midterm elections.

So where do we rank as Americans?

Some other countries are much further ahead when it comes to attracting and retaining voters.

- **More than 90 percent:** Australia, Belgium and Chile
- **More than 80 percent:** Austria, Sweden, Italy

WHY SO LOW?

The California Voter Foundation recently released its state-wide survey on the attitudes of infrequent voters. The numbers are indicative of the nation's feelings toward voting, according to the CVF.

Here's what they found:

- **Too Busy:** 28 percent of infrequent voters and 23 percent of those unregistered to vote said their schedules and time allowances get in the way of them voting
- **Contradiction?** Even with busy schedules, 93 percent of infrequent voters agreed that voting is an important part of being a good citizen. Eighty-one percent of nonvoters agreed.

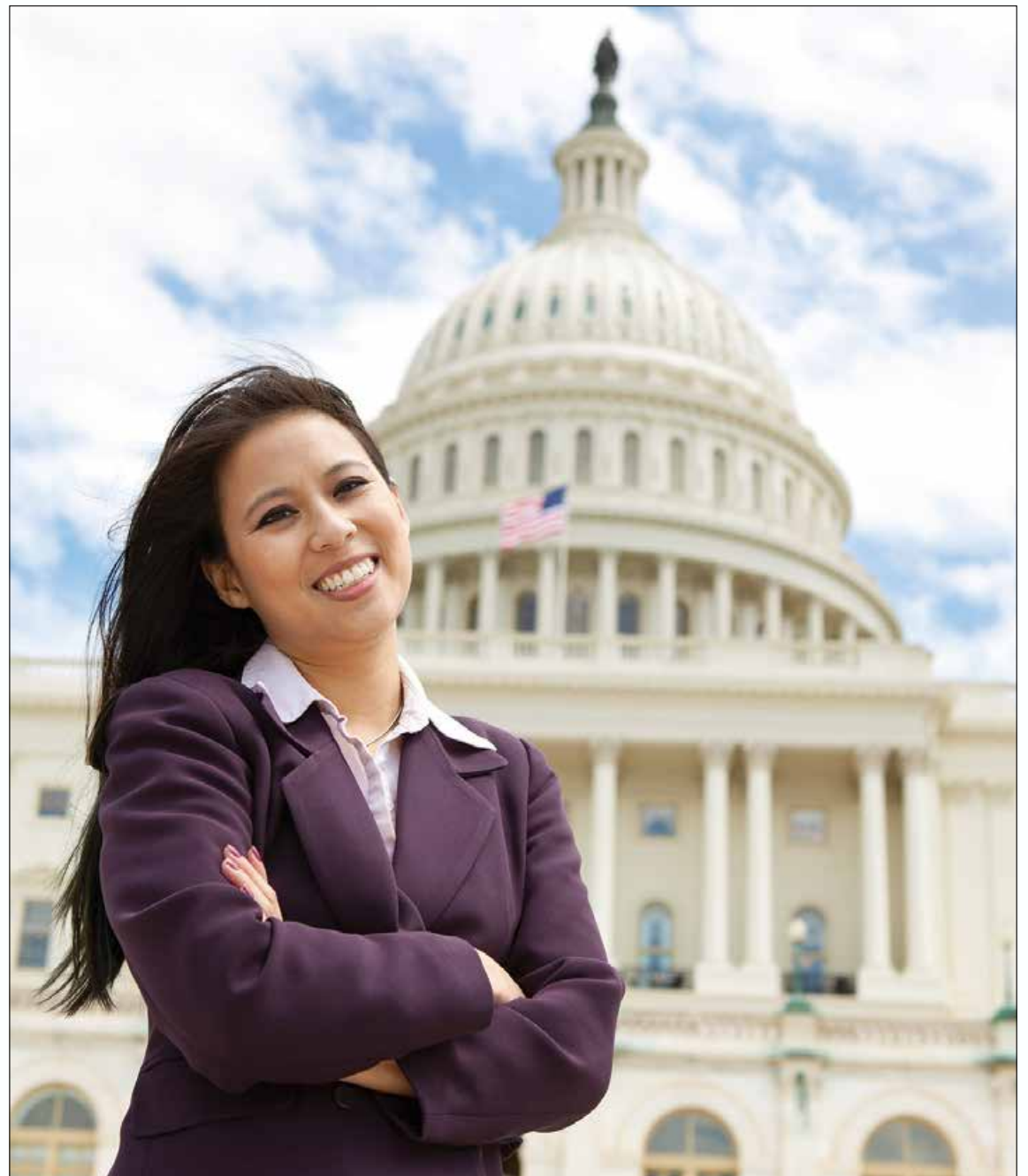
WHO ARE THEY NONVOTERS?

The CVF survey also found that nonvoters are disproportionately young, single, less educated and more likely to be of an ethnic minority than infrequent and frequent voters.

Forty percent of nonvoters are under 30 years old, compared to 29 percent of infrequent voters and 14 percent of frequent voters.

OTHER NUMBERS FROM THE STUDY:

- Infrequent voters are much more likely to be married than nonvoters, with 50 percent of infrequent voters married compared to only 34 percent of nonvoters
- About 76 percent of nonvoters have less than a college degree, compared to 61 percent of infrequent voters and 50 percent of frequent voters
- Among nonvoters, 54 percent are white or Caucasian compared to 60 percent of infrequent voters and 70 percent of frequent voters



WHY YOU SHOULD VOTE | IMPROVEMENTS

It Changes Communities

The presidential election isn't the only one you should be fired up to influence at the ballot box. In fact, your local representatives, mayors and council members have more day-to-day impact on your life than the president.

Local elected officials make decisions on policies that directly affect your taxes, home value and professional life.

THE KIDS

Children cannot vote, but our community's laws and policies still impact them, especially when it comes to education. Our children are depending on us to represent their voices at the voting booth, and we must work to make sure we don't let them down.

And speaking of children, one of the best ways to ensure a bright horizon for our democracy is instilling a voter's mindset at an early age. Talk to your children or students about why voting is so important to America and how it can impact things that are important to them – like school, playgrounds and public parks.

THE IMPACT

Your local representatives fight hard for your personal rights at the highest levels. Wages, pay equity, fairness in hiring, pension security, taxes and health insurance issues are a few of the most important aspects of your life that can be influenced by your local officials.

When you vote you are telling elected officials how you feel about these issues. Your vote can influence decisions on funding for schools or roads that you or family members may use every day.



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LOCAL CREDIBILITY

Citizens who vote hold more credibility over their non-voting counterparts when talking about issues in their communities. Around the water

cooler at work or in the bleachers at the high school football game, politics are likely to pop into the conversation.

When you place your vote, your voice becomes more powerful and

justified to publicly convey your feelings on specific issues. Whether you agree or disagree with a certain policy or legislative item, your thoughts will be considered more vital in the political arena if you vote.

WHY YOU SHOULD VOTE | KNOWLEDGE

It Makes You Smart

How deep is your knowledge of the hot national topics? How about the ones right in your own backyard?

Good? Great! An informed citizenry is one of the most critical elements to a democracy. Without it, our country could suffer social and financial injustices. As Americans, we decide who is guiding the federal, state and local agenda – a monumental responsibility.

You can help strengthen the voice of America by first finding out which candidates are running in races that could impact you the greatest. After you register to vote, look in your sample ballot mailed to you from your county elections office. Newspapers, local news and internet searches are other sources of information that can help build a baseline of knowledge to guide your voting decisions.

EVALUATE YOUR CANDIDATES

As you read candidate materials you collect, try to figure out what you make of your prospective vote-getter on both a personal and political level. What can you draw about the candidates' stance on specific issues?

To help keep your notes and opinions straight, you can make your own candidate report card to help match up your personal feelings on how he or she matches up with items that are important to you.

CONSIDER OTHERS

Seek the opinions of others in your community who have vested stakes in political campaigns. The League of Women Voters recommends that you interview three people (not family members) such as shopkeeper, neigh-



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bor, or politically active volunteer, to find out which candidate they support and why.

Learn what has shaped their politi-

cal opinions. It may be a certain policy that has helped them grow their business or organization. It could be a long-standing loyalty to a certain

party. Whatever it is, use the information as yet another source that could help you in understanding key issues around you.

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