

The graphic features a central dark blue rectangle with the words "Primary Election" in a large, red, cursive font. Above and below this rectangle are decorative elements including yellow stars, blue and red swooshes, and a background of grey and white diagonal stripes with radiating lines. In the bottom left is a circular "VOTE" button with a blue, white, and red design. In the bottom right is the logo for "The Dominion Post" with a small map of Virginia.

Primary Election

Voter's Guide



The Dominion Post

Election Day May 10, early voting ends Saturday

Requests for absentee ballots due Wednesday

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Primary Election Day is May 10 in West Virginia, but area voters do not have to wait until then to cast ballots. Early voting is ongoing until Saturday and absentee ballots can be requested through Wednesday.

There are four sites for early voting in Monongalia County.

All are open from 9 a.m.-5 p.m. daily, except Sundays. Sites are:

- County Election Center in Mountaineer Mall, 5000 Green Bag Road, Morgantown.
- Mason-Dixon Historical Park, 79 Buckeye Road, Core.
- Westover VFW Post 9916, 340 Holland Ave., Westover.
- Pierpont Landing, 2000 Mid-Atlantic Drive, Morgantown, former Urse Dodge location.

Registered voters in Monongalia County who will be out of town during early voting and Election Day or who are confined to their homes may apply for an absentee ballot no later than Wednesday. Ballots must be returned by mail and must be postmarked by May 10.

The absentee ballot application can be found at monongaliacounty.clerk.com.

In Preston County, early voting is from 8:30 a.m.-5:30 p.m. Monday-Friday and 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Saturday at the Kingwood Shopping Plaza-Corner Mall.

Absentee ballot forms can be found at prestoncountyclerkwv.com.

For those voting on Election Day, polls in both counties will be open 6:30 a.m.-7:30 p.m.

Since Jan. 1, 2018, voters have been required to show a form of identification to vote in person during early voting and on Election Day in any election. Any ID shown for voting purposes must be valid and not expired.

U.S HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, DISTRICT 2, REPUBLICANS DEMOCRATS

Name: Barry Lee Wendell
Age: 72
Office sought: U.S. House of Representatives



Barry Wendell

Party: Democratic
Residence: Morgantown
Education: Baltimore County Public Schools; B.A. in humanities from Johns Hopkins University; one year completed at The Urban Studies Center at Tulane University in New Orleans

Political experience: Two terms on Morgantown City Council, elected 2017 and 2019

Campaign statement: My campaign is focused on helping people in West Virginia. The Extended Child Care Tax Credit must be reinstated, the Black Lung Fund made solvent and VA Hospitals must be fully funded to prevent long wait times. We need funding to counter the mental health crisis on college campuses, for treatment centers for those battling opioid addiction and for COVID-19 testing and treatment. We can accomplish these things by making billionaires pay taxes.

Name: Angela J. Dwyer
Age: 56
Office sought: U.S. House of Representatives



Angela Dwyer

Party: Democratic
Education: Bachelor of Science degree, Morgan State University
Political experience: President of Student Government, Morgan State University
Campaign statement: My focus: Lowering our poverty rate; producing jobs; advancing women's and minorities' opportunities; raising the federal minimum wage to \$18/hour; protecting voter rights; improving police and community relations; protecting veterans and LGBT rights; housing programs.

Name: Susan Buchser-Lochocki
Age: 56
Office sought: U.S. House of Representatives
Party: Republican



Susan Buchser-Lochocki

Residence: Morgantown
Education: New School for Social Research, 1988; BFA in illustration, from art division, Parsons School of Design, NYC; 1990 SEC financial licenses Series 7 and 63, NYC; 2012 Migros continuing education
Political experience: 2020 ran for president, with the Green Party and, then as a write-in

Campaign statement: 250 years of the USA in 2026: clean house of old frivolous laws and regulations, update old documents and how to become a state. Recommit to each other, for a new vibrant, united USA. Your small town USA? Local living, mom/pop stores, bringing back family; motherhood a full-time job, fathers matter, too. Father training upcycling the military/civil service, training, infrastructure, education; apprenticeships at 15, lifelong learning.

Name: Rhonda Hercules
Age: Did not answer
Office sought: U.S. House
Party: Republican



Rhonda Hercules

Residence: Wheeling
Education: Brooke High School; West Liberty State College
Political experience: Secretary of Brooke County Republican Executive Committee
Campaign statement: The Washington globalists have sold us out. The survival of our nation depends upon the ability to place our trust in the wisdom and common sense of the American people. The people built this nation and the people will save it. People with no titles to advance, no portfolio to enrich and no obligations to anyone but the American people. I will always put America first.

Name: Alex Mooney
Party: Republican
Residence: Charles Town
Political experience: Incumbent 2nd

Name: David B. McKinley
Age: 75
Office sought: U.S. House of Representatives

Party: Republican
Residence: Wheeling
Education: Purdue University, Bachelor of Science, civil engineering
Political experience: West Virginia House of Delegates, 1991-94; chairman, West Virginia Republican Party, 1990-94; member of Congress, West Virginia First Congressional District, 2011-present

Campaign statement: As a seventh-generation West Virginian and a professional engineer, I spent my life in service to the Mountain State, starting businesses, creating jobs and investing in my community.

From the West Virginia Legislature to Congress, I have maintained a consistent conservative record. I've fought for American energy independence and voted to build the wall. I have always stood up to protect life and the Second Amendment. I voted with President Trump 92% of the time.

Name: Mike Seckman
Age: 46
Party: Republican
Office sought: U.S. House
Residence: Doddridge County



Mike Seckman

Education: High school, HVAC and electrical
Political experience: I have never held public office, but I have self-studied politics and history since I was 19.
Campaign statement: I am just a blue-collar HVAC guy and see what has been going on in our state and our country. My bottom line is that we have been sold out to places like China. We have to bring manufacturing back. Then you will see less poverty, less crime, less drug abuse and certainly less people moving away from West Virginia.

District Congressman
Mooney did not respond to requests for more information and a photo for this publication.

STATE SENATE, DISTRICT 13

REPUBLICANS

Name: Carly Braun
Age: 31
Office sought: State Senate
Party: Republican
Residence: Westover



Carly Braun

Education: Bachelor's in criminal justice; master's in psychology

Political experience: I have never held an elected position.

Campaign statement: I am a mom on a mission. I am tired of our elected officials and the ruling class trying

to influence our children in their radical ideologies and tearing our country apart in the process. Our beautiful state has been one of the poorest states in the country for far too long. Change for the better can't happen overnight, but I will try my best to protect our children, defend truth and fight for conservative values.

Name: Mike Oliverio
Age: 58
Office sought: State Senate
Party: Republican
Address: Morgantown



Mike Oliverio

Education: West Virginia University, B.S., B.A., M.B.A.

Political experience: Chairman, Governor's Committee on Crime, Delinquency & Corrections; member, Family Protection Services board; West Virginia House of Delegates; West Virginia State Senate.

Campaign statement: Faith, family and service to others is most important to me. I have served my country as a captain in the U.S. Army Reserves. I have served my state as a legislator and served my community as a financial advisor and volunteer. I will research facts, work with stakeholders and make responsible decisions to build new opportunities and solve our state's problems. Together, using common sense, we can make West Virginia even better.

DEMOCRATS

Name: Barbara Evans Fleischauer
Age: 68
Office sought: State Senate
Party: Democratic
Residence: Morgantown



Barbara Fleischauer

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

Political experience: Over two decades of service in the West Virginia House of Delegates; current House minority chair of Legislative Rule-Making Review and House Committee on Veterans; former chair, House Committee on Constitutional Revision, Joint Equal Pay Commission and Joint Juvenile Task Force; former vice chair, House Health and Human Resources and Judiciary committees; current House and Joint member of Government Organizations and Health & Human Resources committees.

Campaign statement: "Fighting for fairness" and "Getting Things Done" are words that I live by when it comes to individuals, our region and our state. My Legislative experience and my strong work ethic help me assist people at the Legislature during the short, 60-day session and all year long. My legal training helps me to be a strong advocate for women and families, veterans and seniors, employees, small businesses and for preserving our state's beauty.

STATE SENATE, 2ND DISTRICT

DEMOCRAT

Name: Eric Hayhurst
Age: 38
Office sought: State Senate
Party: Democrat
Residence: Morgantown

Education: Valley High School (Pine Grove, Wetzel County), 2001; Bachelor of Arts, WVU, 2005; Juris Doctor, WVU, 2009



Eric Hayhurst

Political experience: First time running for office

Campaign statement: My campaign is about finding real solutions to the real problems in West Virginia. My priorities are education, infrastructure, the opioid epidemic

and economic development and jobs. West Virginia continues to be at the bottom of all the wrong lists. I want to bring a fresh face and new ideas to the Legislature to fix these problems. I will represent and value working West Virginians and their families in order to move West Virginia forward.

REPUBLICAN

Name: Charles Clements
Age: 78
Party: Republican
Residence: New Martinsville
Education: AB mathematics, WVU



Charles Clements

Political experience: House of Delegates 1994-98; Senate 2017-present

Campaign statement: Our economy has come a long way in the past six years in West Virginia under Republican control. We cannot afford to return to past practices in West Virginia. As your senator, I have and will work to keep West Virginia moving forward.

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Mike Oliverio Senate

Paid for by Friends of Mike Oliverio - Chase Thomas, CPA - Treasurer - Candidate for WV State Senate 13th District

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- VETERAN
- BUSINESS OWNER
- COMMUNITY LEADER

SENATE, DISTRICT 13

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MORE COVERAGE

The Dominion Post will cover all state and local elections on May 10. Watch DominionPost.com for updates and see the May 11 edition for all election coverage.

STATE SENATE
DISTRICT 13

DEMOCRAT

Name: Richard Jacobs
Age: 61
Office sought: State Senate
Party: Democratic
Residence: Morgantown
Education: Master's, WVU
Political experience: Monongalia County Building Association
Campaign statement: Seeking to bring common sense and fiscal responsibility to the West Virginia Senate.



Richard Jacobs

STATE HOUSE
DISTRICT 78

DEMOCRAT

Name: Jeffrey A. Budkey
Age: 21
Office sought: House of Delegates
Party: Democratic
Residence: Morgantown
Education: West Virginia University, John Chambers College of Business, 2019-20; Arizona State University online, W.P. Carey College of Business, 2020-current
Political experience: 2020 Democratic candidate for House of Delegates
Campaign statement: So many of our friends and neighbors are hurting in West Virginia. Too many have been touched by the opioid crisis, one is seven of our fellow West Virginians (including one in five children) face hunger every day, and our roads are crumbling. Business as usual cannot be tolerated anymore. We need real change and representation for ordinary people instead of the rich and powerful. That's why I'm running for the House of Delegates.



Jeffrey Budkey

**Primary Election Day
is Tuesday, May 10**

STATE HOUSE, DISTRICT 77

DEMOCRAT

Name: Bengy Swanson
Age: 45
Office sought: House of Delegates
Party: Democratic
Residence: Pentress
Education: 1995 graduate of Clay-Battelle High School; 2001 graduate of Fairmont State University
Political experience: N/A
Campaign statement: With the newly formed 77th District, western Monongalia County will have its own House of Delegates voice. I believe my experience in negotiating contracts, handling pensions, overseeing medical plans, along with my blue-collar construction background positions me well to help solve some of the 77th's biggest issues, which I believe are PEIA, bringing a stable employer to the area, keeping families here and improving infrastructure such as internet, roads and cell service.



Bengy Swanson

REPUBLICAN

Name: Joe Statler
Age: 69
Office sought: House of Delegates
Party: Republican
Residence: Core
Education: High school and many years of life experience
Political experience: 10-year member of the Monongalia County Board of Education; six years in the House of Delegates
Campaign statement: I serve in the House of Delegates, representing the 51st District. We will be single-member districts, and I am running to represent District 77. I feel I bring much experience to this district and will continue to work hard for District 77 and Monongalia County. I currently serve as chairman of Fire and EMS and vice chair of Education. I also serve on Finance, Technology and Infrastructure and the Legislative Oversight Committee for Education Accountability.



Joe Statler

STATE HOUSE
DISTRICT 79

REPUBLICAN

Name: Zach LeMaire
Age: 19
Office sought: House of Delegates
Party: Republican
Residence: Morgantown
Education: Morgantown High School
Political experience: Students for Liberty, local coordinator; Libertarian Youth Caucus, national treasurer and West Virginia state coordinator
Campaign statement: I am a Republican running for District 79 House of Delegates. I believe that there is a fire burning in each and every one of us. That fire represents our potential as people and members of society. I believe firmly that it is time to ignite the fire within each of the smallest minorities, the individuals, to create and execute important and effective solutions for our state and community.



Zach LeMaire

STATE HOUSE, DISTRICT 78

REPUBLICANS

Name: Geno Chiarelli
Age: 27
Office sought: House of Delegates
Party: Republican
Residence: Morgantown
Education: B.A. in psychology and B.A. in political science, WVU
Political experience: First-time candidate
Campaign statement: I am running as a no-nonsense conservative. I am pro-life, pro-gun, pro-medical freedom and pro-God. Together, we can tackle the drug epidemic, bring business and industry to our state and restore our infrastructure. I will not only advocate for the use of our government to accomplish conservative goals, but I will fight to expose the frauds in our party who are either unwilling or unable to push back against the radical left agenda.



Geno Chiarelli

Name: Toni DiChiacchio
Age: 51
Party: Republican
Residence: Brookhaven
Education: Accounting and economics, B.S.; nursing, M.S.N.; Doctor of Nursing Practice (D.N.P.)
Political experience: First-time candidate
Campaign statement: A former small business owner, I understand being an entrepreneur and will support our business community. An accountant, I understand government is spending your money and it will be done appropriately and transparently, with Mon County getting needed infrastructure funding. A currently practicing nurse, I know the issues of health care cost and access and will fight for policies that remove those barriers. An experienced servant-leader and grassroots advocate, I will serve with integrity.



Toni DiChiacchio

Name: Scott Nale
Age: 43
Office sought: House of Delegates
Party: Republican
Residence: Morgantown
Education: B.S. and M.S., civil engineering
Political experience: Have held state office in service organization (former deputy of the West Virginia Knights of Columbus)
Campaign statement: West Virginia has to stop exporting people. In the last decade we've lost 3.3% of our population, one of only three states to do so. It is essential to build our infrastructure to support business and worker growth. Roadway improvement and installation of travel links help with property access. Upgraded broadband allows for more teleworkers to relocate to West Virginia to enjoy our natural beauty and outdoor activities.



Scott Nale

STATE HOUSE, DISTRICT 79, DEMOCRATS

Name: Matthew Kolb**Age:** 19**Office sought:** House of Delegates**Party:** Democratic**Residence:** Morgantown

Education: 2020 graduate of Brooke High School, Brooke County. Current undergraduate student at West Virginia University, studying mathematics with a minor in American politics and policy.

Political experience: General progressive activism with a focus on LGBTQ+ issues. I have presided over discussions between university students and local organizers, which served as brainstorming sessions where we identified different ways we could help mitigate the effects of poverty in Morgantown.

During the summer of 2021, I interned for Sen. Capito in Washington, D.C., where I was introduced to the workings of the federal legislature. This experience ignited my own interest in the way written policy becomes tangible results. I also got to speak with West Virginians about the struggles that paralyze their lives.

Campaign statement: All people who call West Virginia home are entitled to a healthy and happy life over which they have full control. We deserve agency in our communities, in our homes and at our jobs. West Virginia's workers have a right to the fruits of their labor, and our vulnerable must be guaranteed unrestricted access opportunity. Together, we can attain all of these. It's time to take the reins and direct our future.

Name: Evan Hansen**Age:** 55**Party:** Democratic**Residence:** Morgantown

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

**Evan Hansen**

Political experience: First elected to the House of Delegates in 2018. Minority chair of the Natural Resources Committee and serves on the Energy and Manufacturing, Coalfield Communities, Government Organization, Political Subdivisions and Technology & Infrastructure committees.

Campaign statement: Evan is a father, scientist, and board member of several local nonprofits. He founded and serves as president of Downstream Strategies, a 16-person consulting firm based in Morgantown that strengthens economies, sustains healthy environments and builds resilient communities. In the Legislature, Evan spearheaded passage of bipartisan solar bills, took the lead in protecting clean drinking water, supported public education, defeated mine safety rollbacks and worked to diversify economies that historically relied on coal mining.

STATE HOUSE, DISTRICT 81

REPUBLICAN

Name: Steven Harris**Age:** 20**Office sought:** House of Delegates**Party:** Republican**Residence:** Morgantown

Education: Current pre-med student at West Virginia University, majoring in psychology.

Political experience: I have civic and volunteer experience and I am excited to run as a first-time candidate.

Campaign statement:

I offer fresh perspective to issues affecting our area, and I'll represent our 81st District with energetic enthusiasm that reflects and amplifies our citizens. A fifth-

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**Steven Harris**

DEMOCRAT

Name: Danielle Walker**Age:** 45**Office sought:** House of Delegates**Party:** Democrat**Residence:** Morgantown

Education: 1994 Honor Graduate, New Iberia Senior High School; 1995 Teche Area Technical School, accounting certificate; 1996 attended University Southwestern Louisiana, accounting

Political experience:

Delegate for two terms, 2018 and 2020

Campaign statement: Friends of Danielle Walker Campaign is a people-

**Danielle Walker**

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STATE HOUSE, DISTRICT 80

REPUBLICAN

Name: Justin White**Age:** 50**Office sought:** House of Delegates**Party:** Republican**Residence:** Westover

Political experience: This is my second venture into the political realm, but I have always been community and civic-minded. I have a strong interest in Habitat for Humanity and currently serve on the

**Justin White**

board of directors. 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 serve as a police commissioner for the city of Westover.

Campaign statement: I've felt the calling to political service for years now. Monongalia County and West Vir-

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DEMOCRAT

Name: John Williams**Age:** 31**Party:** Democrat**Residence:** Morgantown**Education:** Bachelor's from WVU

Political experience: three terms in the House of Delegates

Campaign statement: I have been honored to serve the 51st district. I am excited to continue working on economic development, better roads and

**John Williams**

improved education for the residents of Granville, Morgantown, Star City and Westover. I look forward to speaking to as many residents of the 80th district as possible before November. I would be honored to have your vote, so that we can work together to improve our community.

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"The Quality of Education for all Monongalia County students has always been my top priority. My attendance and voting record of 100% is clear proof."

Re-Elect
MIKE KELLY
 for Monongalia County Board of Education

Paid for by the Candidate

STATE HOUSE, DISTRICT 82
REPUBLICANS

Name: Drew Talbott
Age: 20
Office sought: House of Delegates
Party: Republican
Residence: Morgantown
Education: High school
Political experience: Young Republicans, Monongalia County Republican Executive Committee, campaign assistant for Neil Parrott in 2020



Drew Talbott

Campaign Statement: I am running for the younger generation. I want to influence policy for my generation. I want to keep medical freedom and the 2nd Amendment alive. I want to make West Virginia a leader in the country. I want parents to have a say in what their children are being taught. I want our police well taken care of, as well.

Name: Debbie Warner
Age: 63
Office sought: House of Delegates
Party: Republican
Residence: Morgantown



Debbie Warner

Education: B.S., University of Kentucky
Political experience: Previously ran for House of Delegates 51st District
Campaign statement: Married and mother of four adult children, I am running to make West Virginia the best place to live, work and raise a family. I believe a strong economy and education are the foundation to the success of West Virginia. As a delegate, I will support legislation that promotes a positive business climate, encourages investment and allows for small businesses to thrive. I also support funding for improved infrastructure and high-speed broadband internet.

Name: Cindy Frich
Party: Republican
Residence: Morgantown
Political experience: Eight terms in the House of Delegates
Frich did not respond to requests for more information and a photo for this publication.

DEMOCRAT
Name: Katie Fallon
Age: 45
Office sought: House of Delegates
Party: Democrat
Residence: Cheat Lake
Education: M.F.A. (WVU); B.A. (Penn State)
Political experience: I've never run for public office before, but I've served on the boards of several local nonprofits.



Katie Fallon

Campaign statement: I would be honored to serve our community in the state Legislature. I'm the mom of three young children who attend school in our district. My family co-owns a business here that employs 120 people. Since 2009, I've coordinated the Cheat Lake Farmers Market. I'm also a founder of a local nonprofit dedicated to conserving wild birds. You may have seen me around our community, giving presentations with hawks and owls, or coaching softball.

WALKER
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powered and people-led movement. People over politics are more than words. You are more than a constituent, as we are neighbors. The infrastructure in our Mountain State is essential to roads, small businesses, child care, education, housing, and economic development. "All are welcome" is a profound declaration of new economic sources such as cannabis, manufacturing jobs, renewable energy, and green jobs.

WHITE
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ginia face great challenges. Job development is the lynchpin to West Virginia's success. We need to attract businesses to the state, especially manufacturing and the traditional trades. We must then couple that with the opportunity for proper training of our workforce so that they can be productive, profitable and dependable. Better education, health care, infrastructure and family cohesion will then closely follow.

STATE HOUSE DISTRICT 83
DEMOCRAT
Name: JR Wolfe
Age: 60
Office sought: House of Delegates
Party: Democratic
Residence: Bruce-ton Mills
Education: Bachelor of Science in agriculture from WVU
Political experience: None
Campaign state-ment: I am running because 30% of positions for people responsible for the welfare of our nearly 7,000 foster children are vacant; there are over 1,000 vacancies in the WVDOH, West Virginia has over 1,200 teacher vacancies and state trooper barracks are severely understaffed. West Virginia state government is failing to provide vital services and our elected officials are to blame. We must have change in Charleston and I represent that change.



JR Wolfe

REPUBLICAN
Name: George Street
Age: 39
Office sought: House of Delegates
Party: Republican
Residence: Mason-town
Education: Explosive ordnance disposal, U.S. Army
Political experience: None
Campaign state-ment: It's time to get what you vote for. Veteran, farmer, gun owner, pro-life. Regular guy.



George Street

HARRIS
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generation West Virginian, I will listen to everyone and work with anyone to develop solutions for a brighter future. Most importantly, I can work with local leaders to bring a more unified message and an ability to collaborate with legislative leaders in Charleston to address our citizens concerns.

STATE HOUSE DISTRICT 84
DEMOCRAT
Name: Lisa Hyre
Age: 55
Office sought: State House of Delegates
Party: Democratic
Residence: King-wood
Education: 2000 graduate from WVU College of Law
Political experience: None
Campaign state-ment: I am running for the House of Delegates



Lisa Hyre

for the 84th District, which comprises about half of Preston County. I was born and raised in Preston County and have dedicated my life to making a difference in the lives of Preston County residents. I support the Constitution and believe strongly in our Constitutional rights. I hope to bring a strong advocate to the table in Charleston to fight for state employees, unions and working families struggling with the current state of the economy.

Also running for a seat in the House of Delegates, 84th District are Republican Brian Harris and Independent Buck Jennings, neither of whom responded to requests for information and photos for this publication.

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STATE SENATE, DISTRICT 14
REPUBLICANS

Name: Angela M. Iman
Age: 44
Office sought: West Virginia Senate .
Residence: Grant County



Angela Iman

Education: Frankfort High School in 1995 and obtained my real estate license in 1996
Poltical experience: Served as vice president of the Grant County Board of Education 2010-14

Campaign statement: I decided that I could no longer sit by and watch our values and our way of life being attacked and not try and do something. I believe in the Constitution, one nation under God, male and female and simply right and wrong. We need to send a message to the special interests and the bullies. We are from West Virginia, we are proud of our Christian values and we will not apologize for them.

Name: Jay Taylor
Age: 49
Office sought: State Senate
Party: Republican
Residence: Grafton
Education: Bachelor's degree in computer engineering and an MBA both from WVU

Political experience: I've been involved in politics for around 30 years. From working on various campaigns to get conservatives elected, to being the chairman of my county executive committee. I've been on the State Executive Committee for the 14th District and have helped develop our party platform. I'm the legislative liaison for the Convention of States Project in West Virginia which has given me a close working relationship with many of our legislators from across the state while showing me the inner workings of the Capitol.

Campaign statement: Keeping government out of the way is one of the best things I'll be able to do for the 14th District. When we build great infrastructure, great schools with plenty for parents to pick from, help keep drugs away from our children, and prioritize conservative values over government tyranny then our community will be able to thrive to fulfill our dreams for our pursuit of happiness.

Name: William JR Keplinger
Age: 53
Office sought: State Senate
Party: Republican
Residence: Moorefield



William Keplinger

Education: Graduated Moorefield High School 1987, graduated West Virginia University with Bachelor of Science degree in resource management and economics in 1991.

Political experience: Elected Hardy County commissioner 2001-18, also was elected and served on the West Virginia County Commissioner Association Board for 12 years, which made sure legislation during the upcoming session was helpful to counties.

Campaign statement: As your state senator, I will work to help promote a better way of life through my work. Our state needs better infrastructure and we need to promote West Virginia products. Better roads create highways to success, allowing our children to lead more successful lives. It takes a team to accomplish these goals and a burning desire to make things happen. I have what it takes. May 10 vote Wm JR Keplinger for state senate.

Name: Stephen Garth Smith
Age: 56
Office sought: State Senate
Party: Republican
Residence: Hardy County
Education: B.S., M.A., Ph.D.
Political experience: Former chair, Hardy County Republican Executive Committee

Campaign statement: I view public service as an honor, having been the chair of the Hardy County Republican Executive Committee. In 2020, I was chosen as the Hardy County Republican of the Year. If given the opportunity, I look forward to representing Grant, Hardy, Mineral, Preston, Taylor and Tucker counties in the West Virginia Senate.

Neither Stephen Garth Smith nor Jay Taylor responded to requests for photos for this publication.

DEMOCRAT

Name: Amanda Jo Pitzer
Age: 40
Office sought: State Senate
Party: Democratic
Residence: Thornton
Education: B.A., Allegheny College, Pennsylvania



Amanda Pitzer

Political experience: I have not held elected office. I have been appointed to serve terms on the Preston County Solid Waste Authority and Clean-Up Committee by the Preston

County Commission. I am a Flatwater Trail commissioner, appointed by Gov. Jim Justice.

Campaign statement: My dedication to community is unwavering and my record of delivering results is clear. Now, I want to share my skills to help families across West Virginia. Supporting funding for public schools, mental health and addiction services and rural health care, including EMS, is vital to our future. Energizing economic development around infrastructure and the outdoor economy will help keep and attract young people and expand our tax base. I am ready to get to work!

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Vote
Donna
HIDOCK
For
CIRCUIT CLERK

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STATE HOUSE
DISTRICT 73

REPUBLICAN

Name: Mike Manypenny
Age: 62
Office sought: House of Delegates
Party: Democratic
Residence: Grafton
Political experience: Three-term del-
egate, 2008-14; chairman, Joint Legisla-
tive Oversight Commission of Water
Resources; vice chairman of the Agri-
culture Committee; co-chair Parks &
Recreation Committee
Manypenny did not respond to
requests for more information or photos
for this publication.

DEMOCRAT

Name: Amy Summers
Age: 58
Party: Republican
Office sought: House of Delegates
Residence: Flemington
Political experience: Vice chair,
House Rules; vice chair, Redistricting,
Health and Human Resources
Summers did not respond to requests
for more information or photos for this
publication.

STATE HOUSE, DISTRICT 74
REPUBLICANS

Name: Guy Ward
Age: 66
Office Sought: House of Delegates
Party: Republican
Residence: White Hall
Education: Fairmont
State University, associate
of applied science
**Political and civic
experience:** I've served
two terms in the West Vir-
ginia House of Delegates
and my pervious experi-



Guy
Ward

**Primary Election
Day is Tuesday,
May 10**

STATE HOUSE
DISTRICT 74

DEMOCRAT

Name: John "JohnBoy" Palmer
Age: 36
Office sought: House of Delegates
Party: Democratic
Residence: Monon-
gah
Education: North
Marion High School
**Political experi-
ence:** Mayor of Monon-
gah (2019-present);
Monongah Town Coun-
cil, 2016-19; director,
United Gas Workers
Union Region 1 (three
years); Shop Steward, United Gas
Workers Union Region 1 (six years);
Monongah Community Improvement
Association (volunteer); Little League
baseball coach (volunteer)
Campaign statement: Public ser-
vice is a true passion of mine. I'd like to
take my experience as a mayor and
union representative to the Legislature
to make sure there's some commonsense
voices in Charleston. One of the main
reasons I'm running for House of Del-
egates is because I believe every voice
deserves to be heard and represented. I
care deeply about helping Marion
County move in the right direction.



"JohnBoy"
Palmer

ence included serving 14 years on White
Hall Town Council. I left council for a one-
year appointment on the Marion County
Commission and came back to White Hall
for a six-year stint as mayor from 2013-19.
Campaign statement: I'm a Marion
Countian, first; a West Virginian, second;
an American, third; and a Republican,
fourth. While the Republican Party best
represents my conservative values, party
is not a deciding factor in how I vote. I
value the opinions of my constituents
highly — and I listen. My door at the
Capitol is always open to them.

Name: Mike DeVault
Age: Unavailable
Office sought: House of Delegates
Party: Republican
Residence: Fairmont
DeVault did not respond to requests for
more information or photos for this pub-
lication.

STATE HOUSE
DISTRICT 75

REPUBLICAN

Name: Phil Mallow
Age: 64
Office sought: House of Delegates
Party: Republican
Residence: Fair-
mont
Education: Alle-
gany College of Mary-
land
**Political experi-
ence:** Current delegate
for Marion County.
**Campaign state-
ment:** I feel that the
citizens of this state are
typically unaware of the issues and
problems that beset us. We're all
affected, one way or the other, by each
bill that comes out of the Legislature. It
is my job and my obligation to inform
the people of the issues, help them to
decide the possible outcomes — and
work together for a better West Vir-
ginia.



Phil
Mallow

DEMOCRAT

Name: Stephanie Tomana
Age: 44
Office sought: House of Delegates
Party: Democratic
Residence: Idamay
Education: North Marion High
graduate with degrees
and certifications (the
sciences and sec-
ondary education)
from Fairmont State
University and West
Virginia University
**Political and civic
experience:** Long-
time advocate for the
underprivileged in
Marion County as a classroom
teacher, coach, mentor and commu-
nity volunteer.



Stephanie
Tomana

Campaign statement: Our crum-
bling infrastructure, drug epidemic,
foster care crisis, deep poverty,
teacher shortage and general lack of
opportunities have left us with a
bleeding population. Yet, our elected
officials waste time legislating to
talking points and out-of-state inter-
ests. I'm running because I believe
West Virginia needs problem-solvers
dedicated to putting our state and her
people first.

STATE HOUSE
DISTRICT 76

DEMOCRAT

Name: Joey Garcia
Age: 39
Office sought: House of Delegates
Party: Democratic
Residence: Fair-
mont
Education: J.D.,
WVU College of Law,
2009, B.A., history,
WVU, 2005
**Political experi-
ence:** West Virginia
House of Delegates,
District 50 (2020-pre-
sent); legislative direc-
tor and deputy general counsel, Gov.
Earl Ray Tomblin (2012-17); senior
counsel for Legislation and Policy, Gov.
Jim Justice (2017)
Campaign statement: I want West
Virginians to have the opportunity to
stay, rebuild and succeed in our state.
Too many West Virginians must move
away to find opportunity. I support
commonsense policies that attract peo-
ple to West Virginia and oppose divi-
sive legislation and rhetoric that push
people away. My priorities include sup-
porting the growing economy and job
opportunities in north-central West
Virginia, investing in critical infras-
tructure and roads and adequately
funding our public education system.



Joey
Garcia

REPUBLICAN

Name: Toby Heaney
Age: 42
Office sought: House of Delegates
Party: Republican
Residence:
Fairview
Education: Bache-
lor's degree in finance
from Fairmont State
University; master's
degree in business
administration
(M.B.A.) from the Uni-
versity of Charleston;
current doctoral stu-
dent in economics at WVU
Political and civic experience:
Longtime community volunteer with
ranking positions on the boards of
three nonprofit organizations in Mar-
ion County
Campaign statement: I'm a vet-



Toby
Heaney

MONONGALIA COUNTY CIRCUIT CLERK

DEMOCRAT

Name: Donna Hidock
Age: 65
Office sought: Circuit Clerk
Party: Democrat



Residence: Morgantown

Education: Attended Waynesburg College and Penn State University

Campaign statement: This office will continue to maintain the high standards Jean Friend has developed over the past

60-plus years. I will make sure this office is progressive, innovative and offers the same excellent service and assistance as it always has. I believe with my 28 years' experience, I possess the necessary skills and expertise needed to continue making this circuit clerk's office one of the best in the great State of West Virginia.

MONONGALIA COUNTY COUNTY CLERK

DEMOCRAT

Name: Carye L. Blaney
Age: 52
Office sought: County Clerk
Party: Democratic
Residence: Morgantown

Education: Morgantown High School, Class of 1988; bachelor's in accounting, 1993; master's in public administration, 1999, both from WVU
Political experience: County clerk since 2007

Blaney did not supply more requested information or a photo.

STATE HOUSE DISTRICT 76

Name: Jon Dodds
Age: Unavailable
Party: Republican
Office sought: House of Delegates
Residence: Fairmont

Dodds did not respond to requests for more information or photos for this publication.

MONONGALIA COUNTY COMMISSION REPUBLICANS

Name: Sean P. Sikora
Age: 57
Office sought: Monongalia County Commission
Party: Republican



Residence: Morgantown

Education: B.A., political science, West Virginia University, 1992; M.B.A., West Virginia University School of Business and Economics, 2006

Political experience: Current Monongalia County commissioner (elected 2016)

Campaign statement: Since elected, I have brought civility and transparency to the commission. I bring a thoughtful and measured approach to management, have an extensive background in finance, and have shown an ability to work with people from all perspectives. My education, certifications and 30+ years of relevant experience makes me uniquely qualified. I have the knowledge to plan rather than react, and have made decisions regarding your money based on your interests not personal interests.

DEMOCRAT

Name: Bob Beach
Age: 62
Office sought: Monongalia County Commission

Party: Democratic
Residence: Morgantown
Education: Fairmont State University
Political experience: West Virginia State Senate (12 years), West Virginia House of Delegates (10 years), Monongalia County Commission (10 years)



Bob Beach

Campaign statement: I remain dedicated to the people of Monongalia County. My 22 years of experience in the Legislature affords me the unique opportunity to broaden communications and develop beneficial relationships between state and local government. While here at home, as your commissioner, I'll work to create an all-inclusive county ... promoting communications between the courthouse and community, while enabling smaller entities to have a stronger voice at the table. I stand with you.

Name: Charles David Hartzog
Age: 19
Office sought: Monongalia County Commission
Party: Republican
Residence: Morgantown
Education: Working on bachelor of science in economics and law school



Political experience: None, yet

Campaign statement: I may be young and inexperienced in the eyes of my opponents, but I do believe in serving the people in this county to their

best interests. My youth is my advantage, and we all have to start from somewhere. I don't believe in career politics or making money off the taxes that others worked so hard to make. But I promise I will do my best to serve the interests of the public.

No Republican candidate filed for Monongalia County circuit or county clerk races.

HEANEY

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eran of Operation Iraqi Freedom. I enlisted in the Army at age 17 and retired after 24 years. I carry the only A rating with the National Rifle Association in my district and I'm endorsed by West Virginians for Life. I earned a bachelor's degree in finance, a master's degree in business administration and am working on my Ph.D. in economics.

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Susan Buchser-Lochocki

WV'S 2nd District House of Representatives

Paid For By The Candidate

MONONGALIA COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION

Name: Daniel Berry
Residence: Morgantown
Age: 60
Office sought: Mon County Board of Education



Daniel Berry

Education: B.A. History; B.A. political science; M.A. curriculum and instruction; social studies; M.A. safety management; M.S. geography education

Experience: Current director of Curriculum, Instruction and Assessment at College Board; 33 years as a social studies

teacher in Monongalia County.

Campaign statement: As a lifelong resident of Monongalia County, I have been part of the school system as a student, teacher and parent. Given my experience and expertise, I would be an asset to the BOE. My experience as an educator and active member of the community has led me to seek the candidacy, as it is something I have always wanted to pursue. Monongalia County has some of the highest performing schools in the state and, by using many assets already in place, it is my mission to make our county schools among the best in the nation.

Name: Cristy Moats
Age: 42
Office sought: Monongalia County Board of Education



Cristy Moats

Residence: Blacksville
Education: Clay-Battelle High School, Fairmont State University, West Virginia Real Estate license

Experience: Longtime community volunteer, longtime advocate for academic success in the school district

Campaign statement:

I grew up in Monongalia County and chose to raise my three children here. I decided to run for BOE because I have watched the slow decline of the public school system over the years and am tired of watching our kids struggle and be set up for failure. I have dealt with the struggles of the parents and students in the public school system first-hand and I know we have to do better.

Brandon Myers, who is also running for Mon County Board of Education, did not respond with information or photos for this publication.

Name: Jennifer Hagerty
Age: 51
Residence: Morgantown
Office sought: Mon County Board of Education



Jennifer Hagerty

Experience: Member, Morgantown Housing Advisory Commission; director, Morgantown Board of Realtors; member, Cheat Lake Rotary

Campaign statement: I have 22 years experience as a teacher and assistant principal, 18 in Monongalia

County Schools. I will bring to the board the perspective of a parent, a teacher, school administrator and a community member. I am passionate about teaching and learning. I will work hard, listen to understand and always put students first. I want to ensure that our youth are afforded the best education, services, resources, and support possible.

Name: Michael Kelly
Age: 69
Residence: Westover
Office sought: Mon County Board of Education



Michael Kelly

Education: A proud product of Monongalia County schools.

Experience: Former City Council member; BOE member for more than 15 years; founding member and current vice chair of Morgantown Monongalia Metropolitan Planning Organiza-

tion, where I've also served twice as chairman

Campaign statement: Our students should leave our system with a well-rounded and solid foundation for continuous learning. I want them to have a well-grounded base for critical thinking. I believe in the arts: Band, music, orchestra, the performing arts, etc., and I very much support our career tech programs. My motto: Every answer should create a question (which in turn creates perpetual learning).

PRESTON COUNTY MAGISTRATE

Name: Scott Funk
Age: 58
Office sought: Preston County magistrate
Party: Republican



Scott Funk

Residence: Kingwood

Education: High school

Political experience: None

Campaign statement: To be a good magistrate, you need to have intelligence, integrity and common-sense. I will work with

everyone involved, from the police departments to the prosecutors office, lawyers, the accused and, most important, the victims, and be fair to all and apply the written laws under the West Virginia State Supreme Court.

Name: Cindy D. McCrobie
Age: 60
Office sought: Preston County magistrate

Party: Republican

Residence: Reedsville

Education: Attended Fairmont State University and WVU; degrees in criminal justice and secondary education

Political experience: Ran for sheriff in 2000

Campaign statement: I am Cindy McCrobie and I have the background and experience to be a good magistrate. I have 15 years of law enforcement experience and a degree in criminal justice. This makes me the only qualified candidate. The magistrate court is very busy and needs someone who can be ready on day one. I want to apply the law and put commonsense back into bonds, fines and jail sentences. Let's make Preston County safer.

Aaron Knotts, who is also running for Preston County magistrate, did not respond to requests for information or photos for this publication.

PRESTON COUNTY COUNTY CLERK

REPUBLICAN

Name: Linda Huggins
Age: 62
Office sought: Preston County Clerk



Linda Huggins

Party: Republican
Residence: Kingwood

Education: Studied computer science and accounting at Fairmont State College

Political experience: I am currently serving my 12th year as the Preston County clerk; past-president

and vice president of the West Virginia Association of County Clerks; current board member of the West Virginia Association of County Officials, serving on the legislative commission.

Campaign statement: The key to a successful county clerk is knowledge, experience and years of service, of which I excel in all of these. I am passionate about customer service and have proven so in 2020. When the courthouse annex closed to the public, my office continued to serve our customers. This is an example of how my management experience has proven to be successful when faced with challenges. I am dedicated to progress and committed to community.

PRESTON COUNTY CIRCUIT CLERK

REPUBLICAN

Name: Lisa Leishman
Age: 59
Office sought: Circuit Clerk



Lisa Leishman

Party: Republican
Residence: Pleasantdale

Education: Graduate, Central Preston Senior High School

Political experience: First-time candidate

Campaign statement: I bring experience to this position. I

have served you as deputy circuit clerk for over nine years. During this time, I have demonstrated the knowledge, skills and abilities necessary for the responsibilities required of the circuit clerk. As such, with the confidence of the court, I was appointed to the position of circuit clerk to fill the unexpired term of my predecessor and have served professionally in this capacity for the past 18 months.

PRESTON COUNTY COMMISSION

Name: Duane Bishoff
Age: 47
Office sought: Preston County Commission



Duane Bishoff

Party: Republican
Residence: Bruceton Mills
Education: Bachelor of Science in agriculture with emphasis in business, management and communications

Political experience: None

Campaign statement: Preston County needs a plan and goals. Economic and business development are key to Preston County's future. We must promote Preston County for our current business owners to grow. Our residents need support to establish new businesses while encouraging other businesses to move here. Focusing on infrastructure is the first of many goals. With a strong economy we will be able to provide more funding for our schools, law enforcement, first responders and communities.

Kevin Fike and Tom Moore, also running for Preston County Commission, did not respond with information or photos.

Name: Hunter Thomas
Age: 20
Office sought: Preston County Commission



Hunter Thomas

Party: Republican
Residence: Bruceton Mills

Education: I am a graduate of Preston High School and attend Pierpont Community and Technical College. I am a licensed insurance agent with extensive training in insurance and financial management.

Political experience: I am a fresh, new face in the political arena.

Campaign statement: I was the first candidate to file as a pre-candidate in August. I have worked diligently, visiting every county department and attending commission meetings. I am a lifelong resident of Bruceton Mills. I volunteer and serve in a leadership capacity for various community organizations. My goals include responsible oversight of taxpayer dollars, proper maintenance of county buildings, advocating for Preston County and, overall, I will be open, responsive and accountable to the citizens I serve.

PRESTON COUNTY COUNTY CLERK
REPUBLICAN

Name: Lynette Scott Shahan
Age: 41
Office sought: Preston County Clerk



Lynette Shahan

Party: Republican
Residence: Kingwood

Education: Associates in business, W.Va. Junior College

Political experience: Deputy county clerk for over 16 years; serving in Preston and

Marion counties
Campaign statement: If elected, I will bring the knowledge I have acquired as a deputy clerk, and a stellar level of transparency and integrity back to the clerk's office. I will increase communication between the county offices and, most importantly, with the public. I plan to utilize more online services and focus on cross-training employees to better serve our county. Ultimately, my wish is to inspire others to be public servants and actively participate in our government.

Early voting is ongoing through Saturday. In Preston County, early voting is from 8:30 a.m.-5:30 p.m. Monday-Friday and 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Saturday at the Kingwood Shopping Plaza-Corner Mall.

LEVIES

Preston County voters can support VFDs, library, parks and more

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Preston County voters will have the opportunity to vote on two levies when they cast their ballots — either during the early voting period or on Election Day.

Early voting runs through Saturday. Primary Election Day is May 10.

The first levy on the ballot is to authorize money for the county's 12 volunteer fire departments.

If passed, the levy would begin July 1, 2023, and run until July 1, 2027.

The money would be used for materials and equipment for maintaining and enhancing fire department facilities, general supplies, utilities, vehicle maintenance and expenses and insurance expenses.

This is a \$3 million levy over the five years, with each year bringing in about \$583,000.

The money will come from property taxes and will be divided equally among the 12 VFDs.

The additional rate of the levy in cents per \$100 of assessed valuation on each class of property:

- Class I: 1.43 cents
- Class II: 2.86 cents
- Class III and IV: 5.72 cents

The second levy will also be for 2023-27 and will be used to support, maintain and operate the Kingwood Municipal Library and Kingwood Parks and Recreation. Money will also go to the City of Kingwood for materials and repairs to storm sewers and city street paving.


The additional levy will be 12.5 cents for Class II properties and 25 cents for Class IV properties.

DAN BERRY for BOARD OF EDUCATION

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PRESTON COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION

Name: Jack Keim
Age: 77
Office sought: Preston County Board of Education
Party: None
Residence: Terra Alta
Education: 1962 graduate of Terra Alta High School
Political experience: I have served for 16 years on the Preston County Board of Education.
Campaign statement: As I begin my campaign, I would like to thank the voters of Preston County for their support of me over the last 16 years. I would ask that the voters would give me their vote once more in this year's election.
I'm running for the board of education because of my experience. We have just selected a new superintendent and there will be at least one new board member elected. I feel my experience will be put to good use for the children of Preston County.




Jack Keim

Name: Jeanne Dreisbach
Age: 66
Office sought: Preston County Board of Education
Party: Non-partisan
Residence: Bruceton Mills
Education: Charleston High School; B.S., secondary education; M.A., secondary education, educational leadership — all from WVU. I also attended West Virginia College of Graduate Studies and Indiana University Purdue University at Indianapolis (IUPUI)
Political experience: Two years ago, I was elected to serve the last two years of a four-year term when a previous BOE member ran for another elected office.
Campaign statement: The past two years have been probably the most unusual years for any school board member in this country — or throughout the world, for that matter. Our schools are facing unprecedented post-pandemic challenges. I hope to be part of a board that helps our county's educators to navigate these challenges and ensures the best for our students. We have a lot going on, with a new superintendent and also the upcoming levy renewal effort. There is a lot of work left to be done, and I hope to be on-board to assist in the effort.




Jeanne Dreisbach

Name: Cross Christian Kisner
Age: 38
Office sought: Preston County Board Of Education
Party: Republican
Residence: Terra Alta
Education: Bachelor's in computer science and credentialed CPA
Political experience: I've never run for public office before but I serve multiple roles in my church and community, including deacon at Kingwood Baptist Church and vice president of the board of Aldersgate Evangelical Center.
Campaign statement: I believe our education system is distracted from the main goal of education and needs to refocus. We need to stop allowing disruptions in the classroom and cease allowing the instructional environment to address social matters. Technology is a great resource but cannot be the main interface of our students' learning. Disciplinary support starts at the top and our administrators, teachers, students and parents need to know that our policy is to provide learning opportunities.



Cross Kisner

Name: Steve Wise
Age: 69
Office sought: Preston County Board of Education
Party: Republican
Residence: Terra Alta
Education: Doctor of Education (Ed.D.) in educational policy studies and evaluation
Political experience: Informed, regular voter; I have never run for public office
Campaign statement: As an educator for almost 40 years, I value learning — whether formally in the classroom or informally through life experience. Education is the most certain path to a successful life. We owe each generation of Preston Countians the very best possible education. Every person has a right to be heard regarding the operation of our schools. Board members should listen carefully. I believe I can make a valuable contribution to the future of our children.




Steve Wise

Name: Dr. William Tribett
Age: 70
Office sought: Preston County Board of Education
Party: Republican
Residence: Kingwood
Education: Ph.D. in financial management and planning
Political experience: Not a politician
Campaign statement: The future of Preston County lies in our children, and the future of our children depends on our schools. We are obligated to provide the children with the best education possible. Preston County schools are currently rated C to C- by NICHE (a national school rating system). We need to do better than this. We need to attract and retain quality teachers, provide a wider variety of educational opportunities (academic, vocational and trades) and establish a safe place to learn.



William Tribett

Name: Lucas F. Tatham
Age: 44
Office sought: Preston County Board of Education
Party: Republican
Residence: Reedsville
Education: Master of business administration
Political experience: Ran for Preston County Commission in 2018
Campaign statement: I am qualified, honest and prepared, and I will provide commonsense solutions. I will provide reasonable leadership to proactively address our school system's challenges and opportunities. As a father and an employer, I feel our school system should focus on the basics of education: reading, writing and arithmetic. Computers and online resources are great supplements, but students and parents want tangible, easy-to-use resources and in-person instruction. We need less fluff and more foundation.



Lucas Tatham

Anthony Powell, Shaun Lambert and Destinney Ringer did not respond to requests for information and photos.

Name: Jeff Zigray
Age: 66
Office sought: Preston County Board of Education
Party: Democratic
Residence: Kingwood
Political experience: I have served as a Kingwood City Council member for 23 years and as a Preston County Board of Education member for over three years.



Jeff Zigray

Name: Nathan Moore
Age: 35
Office sought: Preston County Board of Education
Party: Independent
Education: High School graduate
Political Experience: I will be a voice for the parents of Preston County. Fighting for our children's rights and keeping them in the classroom.
Campaign statement: Bringing transparency and accountability back into our school system, while keeping radical woke teaching agendas out.
Remember: Vote for Moore!



Nathan Moore

Name: Debra Felton
Age: 63
Office sought: Preston County Board of Education
Party: Democratic
Residence: Rowlesburg
Education: Bachelor of Science in education
Political experience: None
Campaign statement: I am a lifelong educator and citizen of Preston County. I am running for the BOE to offer a lifetime of experience and education to the school system. I favor a strong, cohesive BOE willing to work together for a shared vision for Preston County Schools. I feel immediate goals should be discipline, open lines of communication, transparency in spending and budgets, issues at PHS and teacher recruitment.



Debra Felton

MUNICIPALITIES

Preston towns, cities set for primary election

BY JENIFFER GRAHAM

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KINGWOOD — Only four Preston County municipalities are holding elections this year, according to County Clerk Linda Huggins. Of these four, she said only Rowlesburg has candidates facing opposition in the race.

The others

■ Kingwood — Incumbents Jean Manuel Guillot is running for mayor and William Charles Robertson for recorder.

Candidates for council are incumbents, Joshua Fields, Karen Kurilko, Michael Lipscomb, Richard Shaffer and Tina Turner.

■ Bruceton Mills — Mary Nieman is seeking the position of mayor. No one filed for the position of recorder.

Candidates for council are Cheryl Laura Dulaney, Myron D. Livengood, Rodney Lee Nieman and Kathy Lynn Smith.

■ Tunnelton — Harley Jean Chipman filed for mayor and April Dawn Wright for recorder.

Filing for town council are Patty Jean Nicholson, Rose Marie Wright and Walter Lee Moats.

Early voting in person will be held at the Kingwood Shopping Plaza-Corner Mall. Voting will be through Saturday, excluding Sunday.

Hours: 8:30 a.m.-5:30 p.m. Monday-Friday, 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Saturday

Election Day Polls open from 6:30 a.m.-7:30 p.m. May 10.

Rowlesburg candidates who responded with information and photos for this publication are on this page. Those not responding in time to be included were Bruce W. Stone, who filed for mayor; Kimberly D. Felton, who filed for recorder; and Kimberly Baker, Donna Close, Gary Henline, Kenny McLaughlin and Betty Moats, who filed for positions on the Rowlesburg Town Council.

Rowlesburg town council is made up of five members and the mayor.

ROWLESBURG TOWN COUNCIL

Name: Eric Baumgardner
Age: 60
Office sought: Rowlesburg Town Council

Party: Not specified



Eric Baumgardner

Residence: Rowlesburg

Education: Graduated WVU

Political experience: Current Rowlesburg Council member

Campaign statement: Our town is receiving funding to upgrade our sewage system, which I would like to see get off the ground. Also, I want to continue to work with the ordinance committee to work on houses and buildings in our community that need to be addressed. The roads, cemetery and cement walls need attention to continue our efforts to clean up the town and make it inviting.

Name: Delores Riggs
Age: 70
Office sought: Rowlesburg Town Council



Delores Riggs

Party: Independent
Residence: Rowlesburg

Education: Graduated from Valley High School and Morgantown Business College

Political experience: I have only run for town council.

Campaign statement: I am an incumbent member of the Rowlesburg Town Council and running for that position again. I am the treasurer of both the Rowlesburg Lion's Club and Christ United Methodist Church, as well as a member of Rowlesburg Park Commission. During my tenure, the council has implemented a number of initiatives such as the sewer system improvement and town clean-up. If re-elected, I would continue to bring these projects to a successful conclusion. In addition, I will work to bring about an improvement in the condition and maintenance of the town streets and sidewalks.

Name: Christopher S. Arbogast
Age: Did not reply
Office sought: Rowlesburg Town Council



Christopher Arbogast

Party: Republican
Residence: Rowlesburg

Education: Graduated from Preston High School

Political experience: I was a former town councilman.

Campaign statement: I would like to serve my community because I feel it needs those who have the time to not only fix the problems it has, but also help rebuild the town and bring businesses back to the town. Also to get FEMA and the Army Corps of Engineers back in here to help us with the river flooding we go through.

Name: Michael Sinclair
Age: 64
Office sought: Rowlesburg Mayor
Party: Democratic



Michael Sinclair

Residence: Rowlesburg

Education: Graduated Rowlesburg High School

Political experience: none

Campaign statement: This little town of ours needs a lot of work. Everyone needs to be treated as equal. A lot of things need fixed and a lot of stuff needs cleaned up. I think if I get voted in as mayor, the things that get looked over would be fixed.

Name: Arthur J. Sigley
Age: 54
Office sought: Rowlesburg Town Council

Party: Republican
Residence: Rowlesburg

Education: High School

Political experience: Served on town council for the past three years

Campaign statement: I've been on town council for the past three years. Started a lot of projects and I would like to see them through.

Name: Terry Joe Hawkins
Age: 68
Office sought: Rowlesburg Town Council

Party: Democratic
Residence: Rowlesburg
Education: University High School, 1971

Political experience: I was the parks commissioner for seven years. During this time there were many improvements made, and we added more functions to ensure fiscal stability for the Community Park. I also served as a trustee of Christ United Methodist Church. As a businessman, I have had to use problem-solving skills, fiscal responsibilities, and property management.

Campaign statement: I want to follow up with the sewage system. We need to try to work on our city roads and to continue maintenance of the town to make it a better place to live and visit.



Terry Hawkins

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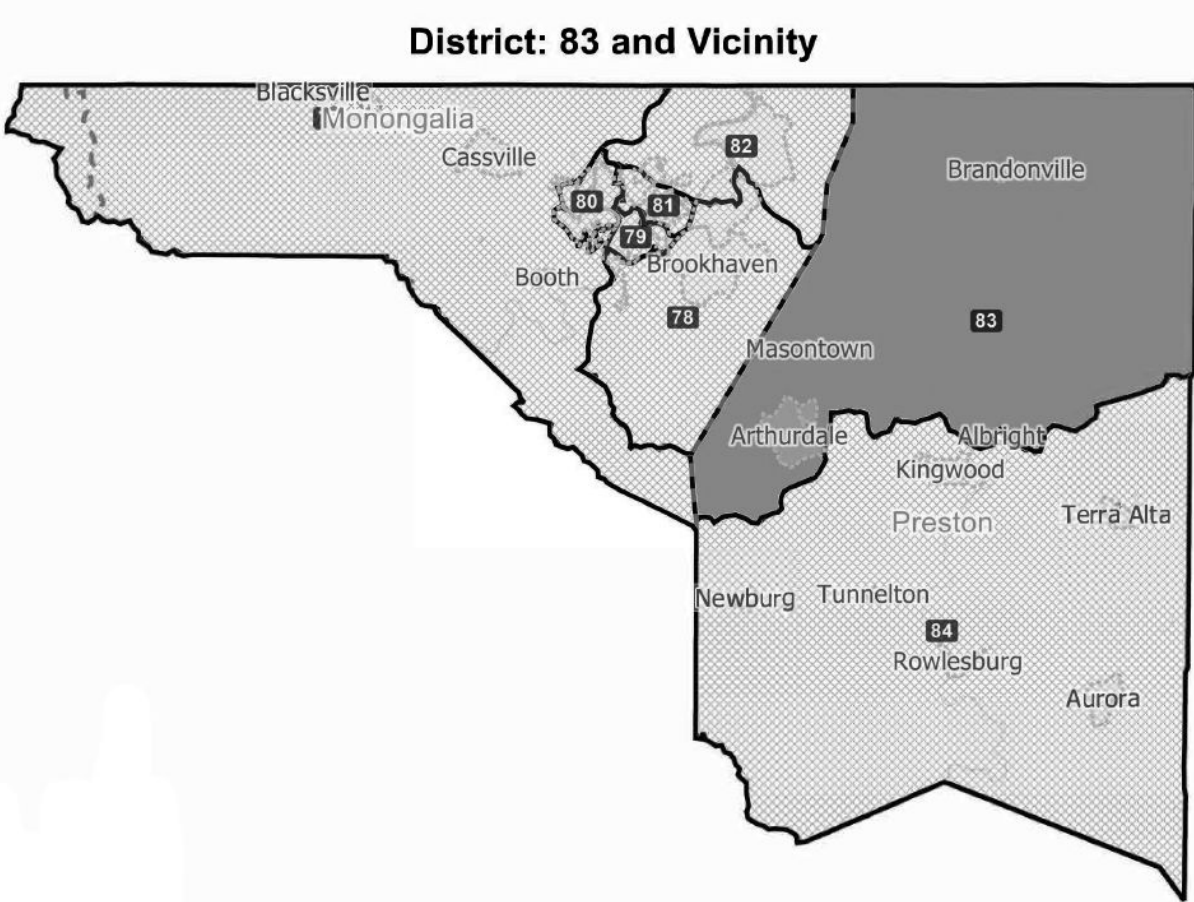
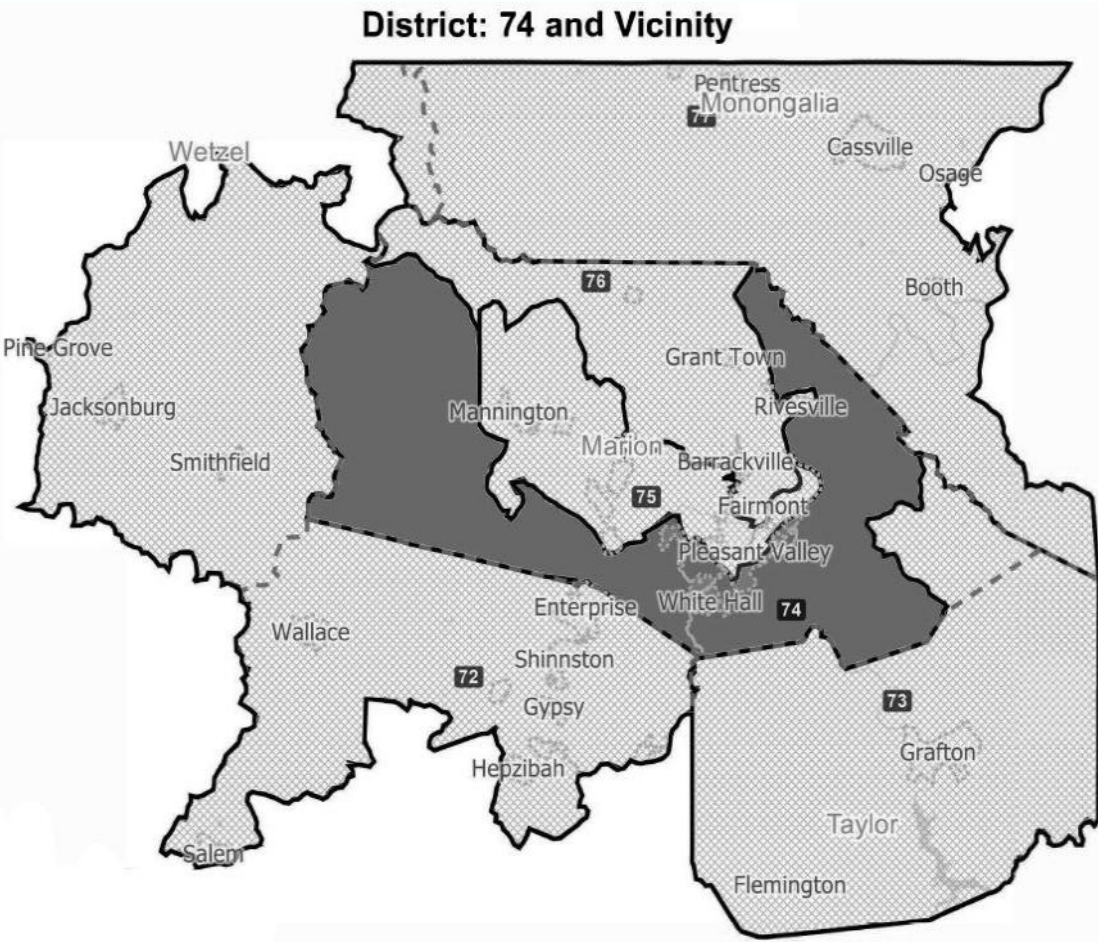
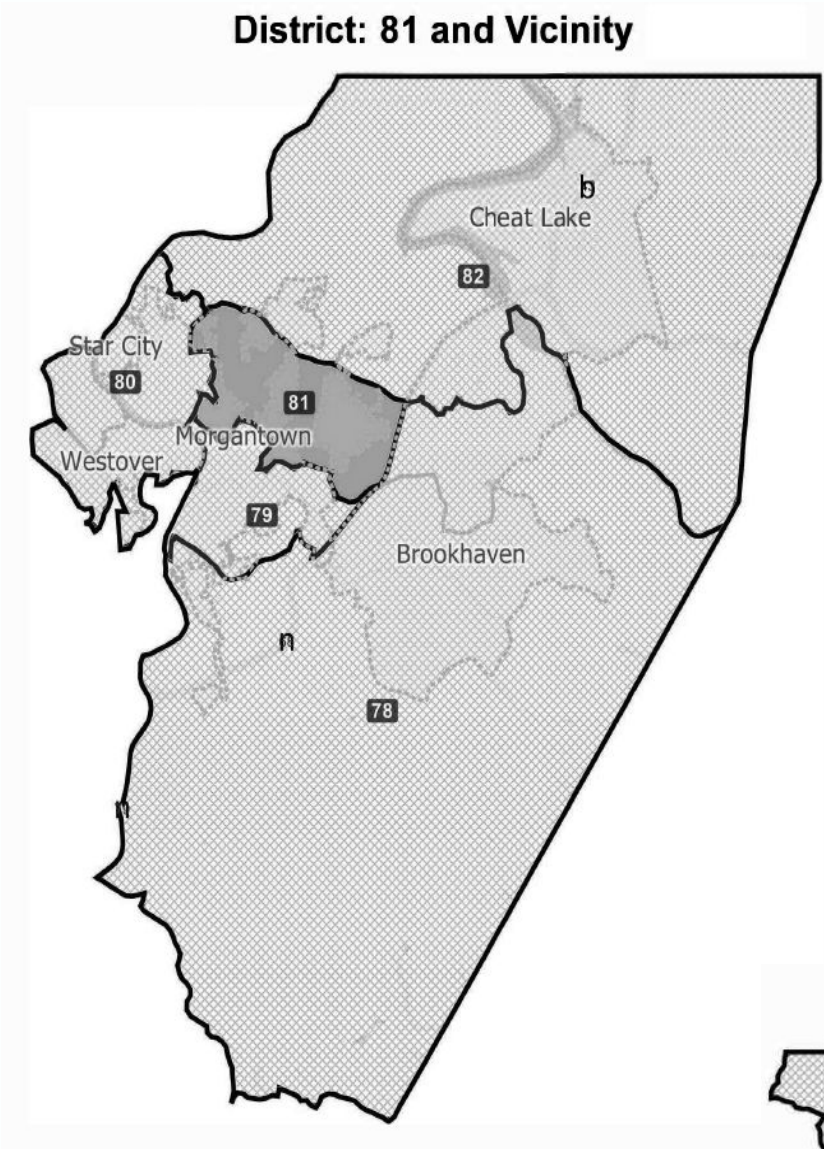
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District: 74 and Vicinity map shows Districts 72 through 77 across Marion, Monongalia and Taylor counties. Our Voter’s Guide covers candidates for Districts 74, 75 and 76.

District: 83 and Vicinity map shows Districts 78 through 84 across Monongalia and Preston counties. Our Voter’s Guide covers candidates from all the districts shown here.

District: 81 and Vicinity map is a zoomed-in depiction of the districts in and around Morgantown, in Monongalia County. Please note that parts of Morgantown are in Districts 79, 80 and 81.

For more information and to find your polling place, visit sos.wv.gov/elections.

MONONGALIA COUNTY POLLING PLACES

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Primary Election Day is May 10, statewide.
There are numerous polling places in Monongalia County, based on a voter's home address.
These are the updated voting locations from the Monongalia County Clerk's Office.

- 1, Mountainview Elementary School, 661 Green Bag Road, Morgantown
- 2A & 2B, Morgantown High School, 109 Wilson Ave., Morgantown
- 10, Mountaineer Middle School, 991 Price St., Morgantown
- 13, Mountaineer Middle School, 991 Price St., Morgantown
- 16, BOPARC Senior Recreation Center, 287 Eureka Drive, Morgantown
- 23, St. Mary Roman Catholic Church, 3334B University Ave., Morgantown
- 25, St. Mary Roman Catholic Church, 3334B University Ave., Morgantown
- 26, Suncrest Middle School, 360 Baldwin St., Morgantown
- 30, Marilla Recreation Center, 799 E Brockway Ave., Morgantown
- 31, Eastwood Elementary School, 677 201st INF/FA Memorial Way, Morgantown
- 32, Eastwood Elementary School, 677 201st INF/FA Memorial Way, Morgantown
- 33, Brookhaven Elementary School, 1215 Baker St., Morgantown
- 34, University High School, 131 Bakers Ridge Road, Morgantown
- 35, Mountainview Elementary School, 1661 Green Bag Road, Morgantown
- 36, St. Mary Roman Catholic Church, 3334B University Ave., Morgantown
- 38, Brookhaven Elementary School, 1215 Baker St., Morgantown
- 40, Mason-Dixon Elementary School, 7041 Mason-Dixon Hwy., Blacksville
- 44, Granville Fire Department Bingo Hall Station, 2507 Scotts Run Road,



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Voters enter a poll for a previous election in Monongalia County.

- Granville
- 47, Scott's Run VFD, 719 Mason-Dixon Hwy., Cassville
- 51, Clay-Battelle High School, 6226 Mason-Dixon Hwy., Blacksville
- 51M, Clay-Battelle High School, 6226 Mason-Dixon Hwy., Blacksville,
- 52, Mason-Dixon Park, 79 Buckeye Road, Core
- 58, Mylan Park Elementary, 901 Mylan Park Lane, Morgantown
- 59, Smithtown School Community Center, 56 Smithtown School Road, Morgantown
- 61, Ridgedale Elementary School, 1550 Goshen Road, Morgantown
- 62, Triune-Halleck VFD, 1621 Halleck Road, Morgantown
- 63, Mountainview Elementary School, 661 Green Bag Road, Morgantown

- 64, Skyview Elementary School, 668 River Road, Westover
- 67, Arnettsville Community Center, 4120 Fairmont Road, Morgantown
- 68, Skyview Elementary School, 668 River Road, Westover
- 71, Westover VFW Post 9916, 340 Holland Ave., Westover
- 72, Westover VFW Post 9916, 340 Holland Ave., Westover
- 73, Westover VFW Post 9916, 340 Holland Ave., Westover
- 74, Granville Social Hall, 172 Town Hall St., Granville
- 75, Westover VFW Post 9916, 340 Holland Ave., Westover
- 77, Cheat Lake Community Church, 527 Tyrone Road, Morgantown
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- 79, Cheat Lake VFD, 409 Fairchance Road, Morgantown
- 81, University High School, 131 Bakers Ridge Road, Morgantown
- 82, Cheat Lake VFD, 409 Fairchance Road, Morgantown
- 83, University High School, 131 Bakers Ridge Road, Morgantown
- 86, North Elementary School, 825 Chestnut Ridge Road, Morgantown



Primary Election Day is Tuesday, May 10. Polls will be open from 6:30 a.m.-7:30 p.m.

Vote
Kelly Palmer
West Virginia State Democratic
Executive Committee
13th District

Kelly has led and worked on Democratic causes for over 30 years.
Now more than ever, West Virginia needs to have leaders with OUR values at heart.



I ask for your vote so that I can continue to represent our shared ideals.

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