



General Election



Voter's Guide

The **Dominion Post**

MON COUNTY LEVY

Area voters will decide on money for EMS

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The Monongalia County Commission approved ballot access in July for the excess levy in support of Mon EMS. If passed, it would generate \$17,888,598 over four years, including \$4,404,241 in the first year and an annual increase of just under 1%. In year one, the levy would add an additional 4.66 cents on every \$100 of assessed value of Class II property (owner occupied) and 9.32 cents for every \$100 of Class III/IV (rental). Those rates would increase to 4.70/9.40; 4.76/9.52 and 4.80/9.60 in years two, three and four. On a number of occasions, director of Monongalia Emergency Medical Services (Mon EMS) Forest Weyen has explained EMS services across West Vir-

ginia and the state are facing a funding crisis. In Monongalia County, Star City VFD's dedicated ambulance service closed its doors earlier this year due to financial constraints. Mon EMS, formed in a 2019 merger of EMS services provided by Mon Health and WVU Medicine, has been shielded to some degree as the two hospital systems have heavily subsidized the service, providing \$4.6 million of a \$12.3 million budget. Mon County Commissioner Sean Sikora said the health systems will continue to provide financial support, as will the county, providing at least \$1 million in the current fiscal year. If approved, the levy would take effect July 1, 2023.

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MUNICIPALITY

Star City hopes to move elections

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The Monongalia County Commission approved ballot access for a referendum to be put before the voters of Star City that would move the town's municipal election to coincide with county, state and federal elections. The town's representatives worked with Monongalia County Clerk Carye Blaney's office to get that question on the ballot for Star City residents. "We look forward to working with the commission and with Carye Blaney. That's something that's very positive and we hope the other municipalities will consider that in the future as well," Star City Recorder Steve Blinko said at an earlier county commission meeting. Members of the commission agreed. Commission President Tom Bloom said he would like to see Morgantown, Westover and Granville follow suit "so that more people would get involved in

the voting process." Star City's municipal elections are currently held in June of odd-numbered years. Star City Mayor Herman Reid said the town typically spends between \$3,000 and \$4,000 holding an election. According to The Dominion Post archive, 89 votes for Councilor Sharon Doyle was the most received by any candidate in 2019. In 2021, Reid received 98 to top the list. According to Reid, there are about 2,000 residents in the town. "I would say to all the other entities, the county is here and ready to help," Commissioner Sean Sikora said previously. "This is something that saves the municipalities an expense and, in my opinion, it brings more people out to vote. We're not here to tell you what to do. We're here to help if you want to."

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Vote NO on Amendments 2 and 4

Your Vote Impacts:

- Funding for education
- Expanding or restricting equality
- Cost of childcare
- Access to reproductive healthcare
- Management of government services
- Voting rights
- Clean air and water
- Censorship of ideas and books
- Changes to the West Virginia Constitution

NAACP
Morgantown/Kingwood Branch

Funding provided by the Partnership of African American Churches

Amendment 2: Eliminates millions in local funds that pay for public schools, firefighters, emergency services, buses and libraries
Amendment 4: Gives politicians control of our children's education over the input of education experts and parents

GENERAL ELECTION 2022

What to know before heading to the polls

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Voters and candidates are preparing for Election Day 2022.

Here's what you need to know.

Election Day is Nov. 8 and polls will be open in Monongalia County from 6:30 a.m.-7:30 p.m.

Early voting will take place between Oct. 26 and Nov. 5, excluding Sundays, from 9 a.m.-5 p.m.

Early voting sites are:

■ County Election Center (Mountaineer Mall), 5000 Green Bag Road, Morgantown

■ Mason-Dixon Historical Park, 79 Buckeye Road Core

■ Pierpont Landing, 2000 Mid-Atlantic

Drive, (former Urse Dodge location) Morgantown

Absentee ballots

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 Nov. 2.

Ballots are to be returned by mail and must be postmarked by the date of the election, Nov. 8.

Military and overseas voters may take advantage of the online ballot delivery system by applying for an online absentee

ballot using the separate Federal Post Card Application (FPCA).

You may submit your application by mail, fax or email (preferred method). All applications must be signed in the handwriting of the voter. Digital or electronic signatures are not valid.

Each voter must submit a separate application.

It is not a requirement to submit an ID when applying for an absentee ballot. Your ballot will be mailed through the United States Postal Service once your signed application is received.

Voter identification requirements

Voters must show a form of identi-

fication to vote in person during the early voting period or on Election Day. Any ID shown for voting purposes must be valid and not expired.

If you are new to Monongalia County and have not already shown identification when registering, you may be required to show an ID the first time you vote.

Valid forms of ID include: A voter ID card, current and valid photo ID, utility bill, bank statement, government check, paycheck, or any other official government document that shows the name and residence of the voter.

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MONONGALIA COUNTY

EMS LEVY

VOTE YES | NOV. 8TH 2022

Mon EMS is asking for the voters of Monongalia County to approve a four (4) year EMS Levy that will provide approximately \$4,470,399 annually (a 4 year total of \$17,881,598) to help support the provision of EMS services.

1

EMS (along with Police & Fire) are your safety nets. These services are here when all others cannot be.

2

The cost to provide **EMS READINESS** is not covered by insurance reimbursement alone. No matter how efficient we get an EMS service, there will be a cost of **READINESS** to ensure that an ambulance is ready for you in your time of need.

3

Disaster response, readiness, & complex events are not included in the EMS Reimbursement model and must be funded elsewhere.

HOW WILL THIS IMPACT ME?

The levy is calculated on **60%** of *assessed value* of your property. Assessed value is different than appraised value. If a property is appraised at \$100,000, it is assessed at 60% of that value. For every \$100,000 of assessed value of your home, the impact would be \$27.96.

Appraised Value of Property (Residential)	Assessed Value of Property (Residential)	Annual Cost to Taxpayers
\$100,000	\$60,000	\$16.78
\$166,667	\$100,000	\$27.96
\$250,000	\$150,000	\$41.94
\$333,334	\$200,000	\$55.92

FIND OUT MORE

monems.org/LEVY

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ON THE BALLOT

SOS explains four state amendments

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CHARLESTON — While West Virginia Gov. Jim Justice, State Senate President Craig Blair and numerous organizations and political groups are getting all the attention by debating the value of Amendment 2, which would give the state legislature more control of taxing and exempting property from taxation in West Virginia, voters have four amendments to the state Constitution to consider when voting in the general election on Nov. 8.

West Virginia Secretary of State Mac Warner has the four featured on the SOS.WV.Gov website.

Warner explained the amendment process, noting that to become part of the State Constitution an amendment must pass by a majority of voters who cast a vote on the question.

“Voters are being asked to consider

four separate amendments to the state constitution,” said Secretary Warner. “Amendments to our constitution should be carefully reviewed and considered by every citizen.”

During the West Virginia Legislature’s regular session earlier this year, the legislature passed resolutions asking voters to consider each proposal.

To assist voters, below are brief summaries and segments of the four amendments.

Amendment No. 1: Clarification of the Judiciary’s Role in Impeachment Proceedings Amendment

Summary of Purpose: “Clarifying that courts have no authority or jurisdiction to intercede or intervene in or interfere with impeachment proceedings of the House of Delegates or the Senate; and specifying that a judgment rendered by the Senate following an impeachment trial is not reviewable by any court of this

state. ... Any officer of the state may be impeached for maladministration, corruption, incompetency, gross immorality, neglect of duty, or any high crime or misdemeanor. The House of Delegates has the sole power of impeachment. The Senate has the sole power to try impeachments and no person shall be convicted without the concurrence of two thirds of the members elected thereto. ...”

Amendment No. 2: Property Tax Modernization Amendment

Summary of Purpose: “To amend the State Constitution by providing the Legislature with authority to exempt tangible machinery and equipment personal property directly used in business activity and tangible inventory personal property directly used in business activity and personal property tax on motor vehicles from ad valorem property taxation by general law. ... The Legislature shall have authority to tax privileges, franchises, and incomes of persons and corporations and to classify and graduate the tax on all incomes according to the amount thereof and to exempt from taxation incomes below a minimum to be fixed from time to

time, and such revenues as may be derived from such tax may be appropriated as the Legislature may provide.”

Amendment No. 3: Incorporation of Churches or Religious Denominations Amendment

Summary of Purpose: “To authorize the incorporation of churches or religious denominations. ... Provisions may be made by general laws for securing the title to church property, and for the sale and transfer thereof, so that it shall be held, used, or transferred for the purposes of such church or religious denomination. ...”

Amendment No. 4: Education Accountability Amendment

Summary of Purpose: “The purpose of this amendment is to clarify that the rules and policies promulgated by the State Board of Education, are subject to legislative review, approval, amendment, or rejection ... the general supervision of the free schools of the State is vested in the West Virginia Board of Education which shall perform the duties prescribed by law. ...”

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U.S. HOUSE — DISTRICT 2

REPUBLICAN

Name: Alex X. Mooney
Office sought: U.S. House of Representatives — 2nd Congressional District
Party: Republican
Age: 51



Alex Mooney

Residence: Charles Town
Occupation: U.S. congressman
Education: Dartmouth College
Political experience: I was first elected to Congress in 2014 and re-elected in 2016 and 2018.

Top three goals if elected:
I will fight for West Virginia in Washington, without comprising my principles and beliefs.
I will contest the reckless Biden spending agenda and support policies that put our economy back on the right track.
I continue to do everything I can in Congress to combat the opioid epidemic and to bring effective resources to our state.
As the Biden administration continues to push a radical social agenda, I remain a staunch advocate for the pre-born.

DEMOCRAT

Name: Barry Lee Wendell
Office sought: U.S. House of Representatives — 2nd Congressional District
Party: Democrat
Age: 72, will be 73 before the election



Barry Wendell

Residence: Morgantown
Occupation: retired educator
Education: B.A. Johns Hopkins University; one year of study at The Urban Studies Center at Tulane U.; one year of credits at Santa Monica College in Hebrew language, piano, guitar and

music theory; numerous extension classes at different schools in Jewish liturgy, choir performance, writing.
Political experience: I ran for House of Delegates in 2016, and won two elections to Morgantown City Council, in 2017 and 2019.
Top three goals, if elected:
1. Help to pass bills for infrastructure, helping veterans and retired coal miners.
2. Protect voting rights for all people.
3. Work on slowing climate change and building resilience in America's communities.

POLLING PLACES

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Below are the precinct numbers followed by the polling place. This comes from the Monongalia County Clerk, 243 High St., Courthouse Room 123, Morgantown; phone: 304-291-7230.
Office hours: 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Monday-Friday
1 — Mountainview Elementary
2A/2B — Morgantown High
10 — WVU Alumni Center
13 — Mountaineer Middle
16 — BOPARC Senior Center
23 — St. Mary Catholic Church
25 — St. Mary Catholic Church
26 — Suncrest Middle
30 — Sabraton Baptist Church
32 — Eastwood Elementary
33 — Rock Forge Presbyterian Church
35 — Mountainview Elementary
36 — North Elementary
38 — Brookhaven Elementary
40 — Mason Dixon Elementary
41 — Mason-Dixon Elementary
44 — Granville Fire Department
Bingo Hall Station 2

47 — Scott's Run VFD (Cassville)
48 — Granville Fire Department
Bingo Hall Station 2
51 — Clay-Battelle High School
51M — Clay-Battelle High School
52 — Mason-Dixon Park
58 — Mylan Park Elementary
59 — Smithtown School Community Center
61 — Clinton District VFD
62 — Brown's Halleck Community Center
63 — Mountainview Elementary
64 — Skyview Elementary
67 — Arnettsville Community Center
68 — Mylan Park Elementary
71 — Westover VFW Post No. 9916
74 — Granville VFD
76 — Suncrest Middle
77 — Cheat Lake Community Church
78 — Cheat Lake Elementary
79 — Cheat Lake VFD
81 — University High
82 — Cheat Lake VFD
83 — University High
86 — North Elementary

STATE SENATE — DISTRICT 2

REPUBLICAN

Name: Charles Clements
Office sought: state Senate, District 2
Party: Republican
Age: 79



Charles Clements

Residence: New Martinsville
Occupation: retired
Education: AB, West Virginia University, mathematics
Political experience: West Virginia House of Delegates 1995-98; West Virginia Senate 2017-present, chair Roads & Transportation Committee;

Finance Committee; Committee on Energy; vice chair, Banking & Insurance Committee; Education Committee; vice chair, Pensions & Retirement. Past executive director, WV Route 2/Interstate 68 Authority.
Top three goals if elected:
Continued development of our infrastructure to include roads, water/sewer, and broadband.
Economic Development legislation to move West Virginia forward.
Pay increases for state employees to include teachers, public safety workers, as well as all state employees.

Mike Oliverio

Senate

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November 8th

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- BUSINESS OWNER

- COMMUNITY LEADER

SENATE, DISTRICT 13

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STATE SENATE — DISTRICT 2
DEMOCRAT

Name: Eric Hayhurst
Office sought: state Senate, District 2
Party: Democrat
Age: 39
Residence: Morgantown
Occupation: Attorney
Education: WVU, BA, 2005; WVU, JD, 2009
Political experience: This is my first time seeking public office.
Top three goals if elected:



Eric Hayhurst

1) restore and increase funding to public schools to provide the necessary resources for teachers and students to succeed;
2) repair and grow our aging infrastructure, including broadband and other utilities, in order to grow existing business and attract new business;
3) find real solutions to ending the devastating opioid epidemic.
Focusing on these three issues will help grow our economy and move West Virginia forward.

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STATE SENATE — DISTRICT 2
DEMOCRAT

Name: Barbara Evans Fleischauer
Office sought: state Senate District 13
Party: Democrat
Age: 69
Residence: Morgantown
Occupation: Attorney
Education: B.A., Allegheny College; J.D., West Virginia University
Political experience: Served 26 years in House of Delegates; chair, Constitutional Revision Committee and Equal Pay Commission; minority chair, Judiciary and Veterans Affairs; vice chair, Health and Human Resources.



Barbara Fleischauer

Longest-serving female in the House. Accomplishments: bills mandating autism insurance coverage, banning human trafficking, lowering insulin monthly co-pay costs for diabetics, ending driver's license suspensions for failure to pay fines and fees, expanding education, employment and mental health benefits for veterans and military members.
Top three goals if elected:
1. Pass Legislation restoring women's rights to make their own decisions about their healthcare, including whether and when to have a family;
2. Pass legislation providing miners and other displaced workers with a just transition towards a more diverse economy with training, decent jobs and benefits, and requiring that industries that damage our air and water quality pay the full clean-up costs;
3. Pass legislation prohibiting turning over public school tax money to for-profit corporations.



REPUBLICAN

Name: Mike Oliverio
Office sought: state Senate, 13th District
Party: Republican
Age: 59
Residence: Morgantown
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



Mike Oliverio

Top three goals if elected:
Faith, family and service to others are 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 am a proven leader in securing funding for roads and schools. I want to improve public safety, bring good jobs to our area and put tax dollars back in your pocket.

STATE SENATE
DISTRICT 14
DEMOCRAT

Name: Amanda Jo Pitzer
Office sought: state Senate District 14
Party: Democrat
Age: 41
Residence: Thornton
Occupation: Executive director, Friends of the Cheat (nonprofit organization)
Education: B.A. Allegheny College
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.



Amanda Pitzer

STATE SENATE DISTRICT 14 REPUBLICAN

Name: Jay Taylor
Office sought: state Senate 14th District
Party: Republican
Age: 49



Jay Taylor

Residence: Grafton
Occupation: supervisor

Education: WVU 2000, computer engineering; WVU 2008 executive MBA

Political experience: Involved politically for around 30 years. Chairman of my county executive committee. State Executive Committee for the 14th District and have helped develop our party platform. 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.

Top three goals if elected:

Being conservative in my core beliefs that will direct my votes.

Pro-Life, Pro 2nd Amendment, freedom, lower taxes, right-size government, cut red tape are just some of what being conservative means to me.

We need to get government doing what it is supposed to be doing well, instead of trying to do everything badly. Infrastructure, education, drugs are my top three goals to tackle.

PITZER

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Top three goals if elected: Advance legislation to better compensate those caring for our most valuable resource — our children; fixing our failing foster care system and beefing up mental health and addiction services to give future generations a fighting chance for healthy, successful lives.

Leverage state resources and partnerships to bring already authorized federal dollars to West Virginia for economic stimulus and an improved quality of life.

Listen, be available and communicate regularly with the people of the 14th District.

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STATE HOUSE — DISTRICT 73 DEMOCRAT

Name: Michael Manypenny
Office sought: House of Delegates District 73
Party: Democrat
Age: 63



Michael Manypenny

Residence: Grafton
Occupation: Farmer and entrepreneur

Education: BS in agriculture and forestry

Political experience: Elected in 2008 to House of Delegates and served six years representing Taylor, Marion and Monongalia counties. Spearheaded the first-ever medical cannabis bill in the state; fought for equal pay for woman; higher minimum wage; better environmental oversight of the extraction industries; pushed for reforms on criminal justice to reduce jail overcrowding by supporting community service for non violent offenders; fought for stronger protection of our air and water.

Top three goals if elected:

Reverse legislation that allows industry to release more cancer-causing chemicals into our streams and rivers, which puts our families and communities at risk.

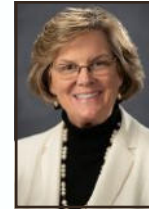
Work to improve the rights of workers, women and minorities.

Improve funding for our emergency services, senior centers, libraries, internet expansion into rural unserved and underserved areas and improved road maintenance.



REPUBLICAN

Name: Amy Summers
Office sought: House of Delegates 73rd District
Age: 59
Residence: Flemington



Amy Summers

Occupation: Registered nurse

Education: BS in nursing, MS nursing leadership and management

Political experience: Elected to House of Delegates in 2014, serving eight consecutive years. Three years as vice chair of Health and four years as majority leader and vice chair of the Rules Committee. Have presented at

national conferences on legislation passed by the state of West Virginia. First female majority leader to serve in the state of West Virginia.

Top three goals if elected:

If reelected, I plan to continue to advance policies that make West Virginia attractive to retain and grow jobs.

I also plan to continue working on improving infrastructure in West Virginia such as roads and broadband. While we are not to the level I want to be, we are on our way and improvements are happening.

Finally, tax reform. My goal is to decrease taxes so residents can keep more of their money.

**Election Day for the general election is Nov. 8.
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NOVEMBER 8TH, 2022

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STATE HOUSE — DISTRICT 77
REPUBLICAN

Name: Joe Statler
Office sought: House of Delegates
77th District
Party: Republican
Age: 69



Joe Statler

Residence: Core
Occupation: retired
Education: High School
Political experience: Served 10 years on Monongalia County Board of Education from 2002-12, six years as vice president; elected to House of Delegates 2014, 2016, 2020; chairman of the Fire Department and Emergency Medical Services Committee; vice chair of Education; I also serve on Finance, Infrastructure and Technology, the Legislative Over-

sight Committee on Education Accountability, the Southern Regional Education Board; I also serve on many county boards and committees.

Top three goals if elected:
If I am elected to serve the citizens of the 77th District and West Virginia, I want to continue the work that we have begun for the first responders. Serving the citizens of the state, our EMS system is in critical need of help for them to continue their work.

Serving as vice chair of the Education Committee, we need to work hard to make sure we have quality education available to all citizens of West Virginia.

We must do more to provide high speed broadband to all areas of West Virginia and a safe highway system.

DEMOCRAT

Name: Ben Swanson
Office sought: House of Delegates District 77
Party: Democrat
Age: 45
Residence: Pentress

Occupation: Ironworker; owner, Rt 7 Pawn in Pentress

Education: Clay-Battelle High, class of 1995; Fairmont State University, class of 2001; Ironworkers Apprenticeship class of 2004

Political Experience: West Virginia Industrial Council Board member, appointed by Gov. Jim Justice; Ohio County Development Authority,

appointed by Ohio County Commission
Top 3 goals if elected:
Work to retain teachers in our state, by becoming competitive with bordering states when it comes to wages and benefits ... which means fixing PEIA.

Bring a viable employer to the 77th district to secure jobs for displaced miners and Mylan workers in the district. I see far too many folks living in the 77th who must drive outside of the district to find employment everyday.

Bring better opportunities for our senior citizens in the 77th.

A photo of Ben Swanson was not available.

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STATE HOUSE — DISTRICT 78

DEMOCRAT

Name: Jeffrey Budkey
Office sought: state House of Delegates District 78
Party: Democrat
Age: 21

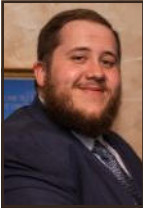


Jeffrey Budkey

Residence: Morgantown
Occupation: employed fulltime
Education: finishing degree
Political experience: did not answer
Top three goals if elected: Did not answer

REPUBLICAN

Name: Geno Chiarelli
Office sought: House of Delegates District 78
Party: Republican
Age: 27



Geno Chiarelli

Residence: Morgantown
Occupation: Previous child protective services worker in West Virginia and Pennsylvania
Education: West Virginia University
Political experience: Did not answer
Top three goals if elected: Chiarelli did not answer

STATE HOUSE — DISTRICT 79

DEMOCRAT

Name: Evan Hansen
Office sought: House of Delegates, 79th District
Party: Democrat
Age: 56

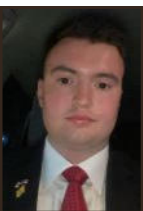


Evan Hansen

Residence: Morgantown
Occupation: President of Downstream Strategies, an environmental and economic development consulting company
Education: M.S., energy and resources, University of California-Berkeley; B.S., computer science and engineering, Massachusetts Institute of Technology
Political experience: First elected to the House of Delegates in 2018, 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.
Minority chair of the Natural Resources Committee and serves on the Energy and Manufacturing, Coalfield Communities, Government Organization, Political Subdivisions, and Technology & Infrastructure committees.
Top three goals if elected:
Continue to make West Virginia welcome to diverse energy sources, including renewables, to create jobs, attract green manufacturing plants and address climate change.
In the wake of the recently passed state abortion ban, will advocate on behalf of women's freedom to decide what's best for their families. Politicians in Charleston shouldn't make those decisions for you.
Will also support efforts to improve local roads, high-speed internet, and improved quality of life.

REPUBLICAN



Zach LeMaire

Name: Zach LeMaire
Office sought: state House District 79
Party: Republican
Age: 20
Residence: Morgantown
Occupation: campus coordinator for Young Americans for Liberty

Education: pursuing a degree in political science and government at West Virginia University
Political experience: campus coordinator for Young Americans for Liberty; previous campus coordinator for Students For Liberty; previous treasurer for Libertarian Youth Caucus
Top three goals if elected: Did not answer

STATE HOUSE — DISTRICT 80

REPUBLICAN

Name: Justin S. White
Office sought: House of Delegates, District 80
Party: Republican
Age: 51



Justin White

Residence: Westover
Occupation: owner of Premier Landscapes
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 program at West Virginia University.
Political experience: Previous candidate for House of Delegates
Top three goals if elected:
1. Job creation and workforce development.
2. Presenting a united voice for and from Monongalia County.
3. Protecting our seniors.

DEMOCRAT

Name: John Williams
Office sought: House of Delegates, 80th District
Age: 31



John Williams

Residence: Morgantown
Education: Bachelor's from WVU
Political experience: Three terms in the House of Delegates
Top three goals if elected:
I have been honored to serve the 51st District. I am excited to continue working on economic development, better roads and 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 CHOOSE MOUNTAINEERS

Early Voting
October 26th - November 5th

Election Day
November 8th

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House of Delegates
District 81

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I work for You!

STATE HOUSE
DISTRICT 81
REPUBLICAN

Name: Steven Harris
Office sought: state House of Delegates District 81



Party: Republican
Age: Did not answer
Residence: Morgantown
Occupation: emergency medical technician
Education: Bachelor's degree in psychology from West Virginia University
Political experience: did not answer
Top three goals if elected:

Primary political goals include focusing on infrastructure and transportation, education and health care, criminal justice reform, addressing the opioid epidemic and strengthening public services, with the goal of improving all West Virginians quality of life.

DEMOCRAT

Name: Danielle Walker
Office sought: House of Delegates, District 81
Party: Democrat
Age: 46



Residence: Morgantown
Occupation: direct care worker
Education: New Iberia Senior High, 1994, Honors; Teche Area Technical Institute, 1995, accounting
Political experience: I have been one of the five delegates representing Monongalia County since 2018. I became an advocate after the 2017 attacks in Charlottesville, Va.. This horrific event set my family to be involved in our community and advocate for healthcare, equality, the environment and the economy.

Top three goals if elected:
My first goal is a livable wage for all Mountaineers with green jobs and union jobs. Safe, accessible, affordable housing would allow our neighbors a place of security. Marginalized communities need more protection as they include disabled individuals, LGBTQIA+ individuals, women, people of color and justice-impacted people.

STATE HOUSE
DISTRICT 82
DEMOCRAT

Name: Katie Fallon
Office sought: State House of Delegates, District 82

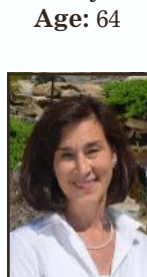


Party: Democrat
Age: 45
Residence: Cheat Lake
Occupation: Writer, business owner, non-profit director
Education: Master of fine arts (WVU); bachelor of arts (Penn State)
Political experience: Hold elected positions on nonprofit boards; votes in every election.

Top three goals if elected:
1. Improve infrastructure and quality of life by investing in roads, bridges, broadband internet and clean drinking water;
2. Support our schools by fully funding our public education system and providing teachers with the tools they need to successfully educate our children in a safe, supportive environment;
3. Restore the right of West Virginians to make their own private reproductive medical decisions without the interference of the state government.

REPUBLICAN

Name: Debbie Warner
Office sought: House of Delegates District 82



Party: Republican
Age: 64
Residence: Morgantown
Occupation: Realtor, mother, volunteer
Education: Bachelor's degree from the University of Kentucky; Leadership Monongalia; Military Spouses Leadership Program; Real Estate Designations: ABR GRI CRS
Political experience: I have not held public office. However, I have been around politics most of my adult life.

Top 3 goals if elected:
Economic development is essential

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STATE HOUSE
DISTRICT 83
REPUBLICAN

Name: George Street
Office sought: House of delegates District 83



Party: Republican
Age: 39
Residence: Mason town
Occupation: DOD contractor and explosive technician
Education: 10 years military, U.S. Army bomb squad in Iraq and Afghanistan; graduate of Federal Law Enforcement Training Center (FLETC). Vocational certifications: electrician, welder, hazmat, 80 hours underground miner.

Political experience: None, I'm just a regular guy who wants to bring a commonsense perspective to the job.
Top three goals if elected:
Find a solution for the regional jail bill, which we may be able to incorporate with upcoming tax cuts. Focus on economic development. Push for term limits.

DEMOCRAT

Name: JR Wolfe
Office sought: House of Delegates 83rd District

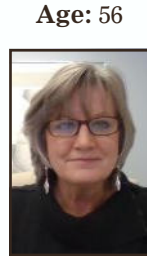


Party: Democrat
Age: 60
Residence: Bruce-ton Mills
Occupation: retired from USDA-Natural Resources Conservation Service, farmer
Education: B.S. in Agriculture from WVU
Political experience: None

Top 3 goals if elected:
To see that state agencies charged with protecting and caring for our nearly 7,000 foster children are fully staffed and funded.
To protect public education and work to make conditions such that all teacher positions in the state are filled with qualified teachers.
To increase access for all West Virginians to medical care, including dental, by encouraging and incentivizing medical practices to establish services in rural areas.

STATE HOUSE
DISTRICT 84
DEMOCRAT

Name: Lisa Hyre
Office sought: House of Delegates 84th District



Party: Democrat
Age: 56
Residence: King-wood
Occupation: Attorney
Education: JD from WVU College of Law, graduating in 2000.
Political experience: I truly have no actual political experience. I was a candidate for Circuit Court Judge for the 18th Judicial Circuit (Preston County) in 2018. It was quite an experience. I came in last of the four candidates. I was the only female candidate.

Top three goals if elected:
I will work to protect our right to privacy and individual freedom as protected by our Constitution.
I will work to ensure decent jobs with benefits, including health care coverage for our families; I support our state employees and our unions.
I will work to ensure services and support are available to the families who are suffering with substance use disorders and mental health issues within the family; I believe this is 100% of us.

REPUBLICAN

Name: DR "Buck" Jennings
Office sought: state House District 84



Party: Republican
Age: 71
Residence: Thorn-ton
Occupation: president of Jennings Legacy Builders; long-time member of the Fello- wsville Fire Department and is a paramedic and EMT instructor with RESA.
Education: Did not answer

Political experience: Delegate since 2017; chair, Homeland Security Committee; Committee on Fire Departments and Emergency Medical Ser-

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ELECTION 2022

Poll: Most say voting vital despite dour U.S. outlook



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Associated Press

WASHINGTON — From his home in Collegeville, Pennsylvania, Graeme Dean says there’s plenty that’s disheartening about the state of the country and politics these days. At the center of one of this year’s most competitive U.S. Senate races, he’s on the receiving end of a constant barrage of vitriolic advertising that makes it easy to focus on what’s going wrong.

But the 40-year-old English teacher has no intention of disengaging from the democratic process. In fact, he believes that the first national election since the Jan. 6, 2021, attack on the U.S. Capitol is “more significant” than in years past.

“This could very well sway the country in one direction or another,” the Democratic-leaning independent said.

Dean is hardly alone in feeling the weight of this election. A new poll from The Associated Press-NORC Center of Public Affairs Research finds 71% of registered voters think the very future of the U.S. is at stake when they vote this year. That’s true of voters who prefer Republicans win majorities in Congress, and those who want to see

Democrats remain in control, though likely for different reasons.

While about two-thirds of voters say they are pessimistic about politics, overwhelming majorities across party lines — about 8 in 10 — say casting their ballot this year is extremely or very important.

The findings demonstrate how this year’s midterms are playing out in a unique environment, with voters both exhausted by the political process and determined to participate in shaping it. That could result in high turnout for a midterm election.

In the politically divided state of Michigan, for instance, over 150,000 voters have already cast absentee ballots. A total of 1.6 million people have requested absentee ballots so far, surpassing the 1.16 million who chose the option in the 2018 midterm election.

In follow-up interviews, poll respondents reported distinct concerns about the country’s direction despite agreement that things are not working.

Rick Moore, a 67-year-old writer and musician in Las Vegas, said he’s dis-

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MONONGALIA COUNTY COMMISSION

DEMOCRAT

Name: Bob Beach
Office sought: Monongalia County Commission
Party: Democrat
Age: 63
Residence: Morgantown
Occupation: Outgoing West Virginia state senator
Education: Fairmont State College, Spruce School of Real Estate
Political experience: 22 years of public service: state Senate, state House of Delegates, Monongalia County Planning Commission



Bob Beach

Top three goals if elected:

- Implement an all-inclusive county-wide strategic plan, which would include listening sessions in rural regions of the county.
- Implement a forensic audit every two years, resulting in improved project deliverables and establish a policy for standard practices.
- Create a data collection coordinator position and central depository for all data relevant to Monongalia County.

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vices; Education; Health and Human Resources; Workforce Development; interim committees: Education, Health, Volunteer Fire Departments and Emergency Medical Services, West Virginia Fusion Center Oversight Committee

Top three goals if elected: did not answer

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to the future of West Virginia and its prosperity. My top three goals are the key tenets to economic development: creating job opportunities, improving education and implementing well-developed infrastructure that includes better roads and high speed broadband. With these in place, we will produce the workforce and jobs to build our community and keep our citizens in West Virginia.

REPUBLICAN

Name: Sean P. Sikora
Office sought: Re-election to the Monongalia County Commission
Party: Republican
Age: 57
Residence: Morgantown, 7th Ward
Occupation: Contracts manager, mission execution and strategic analysis support to U.S. Dept. of Energy
Education: B.A., Political Science, West Virginia University, 1992; M.B.A., West Virginia University School of Business and Economics, 2006.



Sean Sikora

Political experience: Monongalia County commissioner (elected 2016)

Top three goals if elected:

- 1) Finalize execution of county-wide strategic broadband plan as lead project manager.
- 2) Continue economic development portfolio advancement — Completion of Harmony Grove Interchange Project; further expansion of the Mountaintop Beverage project; completion of I-68 Commerce Park/Airport Runway Extension Project.
- 3) Continued development of commission administrative projects — Finalize county-wide human resource services project; expand financial accountability and transparency by transition to statewide Enterprise Research Planning System.

**Election Day
for the
general
election is
Nov. 8.
Polls will be
open from
6:30 a.m.-
7:30 p.m.**



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satisfied with President Joe Biden, and “not just because I’m a Republican.” Moore called him “more of a puppet” than any other president in his lifetime.

“It’s important to me that Republicans are in control of as much as possible because we’re not going to get rid of the Democratic president anytime soon,” Moore said.

In general, Moore said, he doesn’t like the way Democratic politicians run their states, including Nevada Gov. Steve Sisolak, adding that Democrats are “using the word democracy to make all of us do what they want.”

“I would just like to see my voice more

represented,” he said.

Since the last midterm elections, voters have grown more negative about the country and people’s rights: 70% say they are dissatisfied with the way things are going in the U.S., up from 58% in October 2018.

Republicans have become enormously dissatisfied with a Democrat in the White House. While Democrats have become less negative since Donald Trump left office, they remain largely sour on the way things are going.

Fifty-eight percent of voters also say they are dissatisfied with the state of individual rights and freedoms in the U.S., up from 42% in 2018. About two-thirds of Republicans are now dissatisfied, after about half said they were satisfied when Trump was in office.

Among Democrats, views have stayed largely the same, with about half dissatisfied.

Shawn Hartlage, 41, doesn’t think her views as a Christian are well represented, lamenting that she’d love to vote “for someone that really stood for what you believe,” but that it’s very important to her to vote anyway.

“I’m scared for my children’s future,” Hartlage said. “You always want to leave things better for them than what you had, but it’s definitely not moving in that direction.”

The poll showed majorities of voters overall say the outcome of the midterms will have a significant impact on abortion policy, with Democratic voters more likely than Republican voters to say so. Most voters across party lines say the outcome will have a lot of impact on the

economy.

More voters say they trust the Republican Party to handle the economy (39% vs. 29%), as well as crime (38% vs. 23%). Republicans also have a slight advantage on immigration (38% vs. 33%). The Democratic Party is seen as better able to handle abortion policy (45% vs. 22%), health care (42% vs. 25%) and voting laws (39% vs. 29%).

Despite the uncertainty in the outcome, Dean in Pennsylvania has faith in the American system to work for the will of the people.

“I think it’s important that our representatives represent what the majority of people want,” Dean said. “That’s what we claim we do in this country and it feels like it is what should happen. And I am hopeful.”