

Ferry County Official Local

Voters' Pamphlet

August 1, 2023 Primary Election

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Message from the auditor

Dear voters,

Welcome to the 2023 Primary Election Local Voters’ Pamphlet. A great source for information on local candidates that will help assist you on making an informed vote. You can still check the online voter guide for information that is appropriate to your precinct.



In ensuring that you are getting the correct ballot and information please update any and all address changes by going online, filling out a new form, or calling the Ferry County Elections department at (509) 775-5225 extension 1139.

August 1, 2023 is the Primary Election. We have three district races in this election. Please vote and return your ballot as soon as possible. You can drop off your ballot into a ballot drop box which will stay open till 8:00pm Election Day, or return it by mail which has prepaid postage. You can also check your ballot status at www.votewa.gov.

Make sure your voice is heard as you help choose our local elected officials. You really can make a difference! It’s up to you to do so.

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Accessible voting

An accessible voting unit (AVU) is equipped with visual and audio technology. Voters requiring reasonable accommodation or assistance may vote on the AVU in the Auditor’s Office starting July 14 through August 1.



To register to vote, you must be:

- A citizen of the United States;
- A legal resident of Washington State;
- At least 18 years old by Election Day;
- Not disqualified from voting due to a court order; and
- Not under Department of Corrections supervision for a Washington felony conviction



Register to vote

Go to VoteWA.gov on or before July 24 if you have a current Washington State driver license or I.D. card.

Complete and return a Washington State Voter Registration Form. Forms must be received in the Auditor's Office by July 24. Registration forms are available at post office, libraries, online, or by contacting the Ferry County Auditor's Office.

Come into the Ferry County Auditor's Office, Election Division, by 8:00 pm on Election Day.

Registration deadlines:

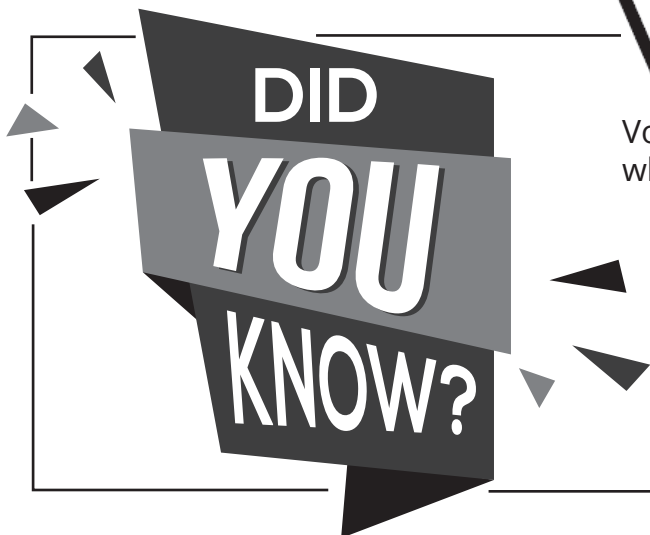
Voter registration and address changes online or by mail must be received by July 24. Starting July 25, visit our office to register to vote or change your address by 8:00 pm Election Day.

Military or overseas voters:

Maintain your voter registration while in the military or living outside the United States. To register, use your home of record (or that of a family member). You may receive your ballot by mail, email, or fax. Contact us for more information.

You are responsible for:

- Registering by the deadline;
- Updating your residential and/or mailing address; and
- Returning your ballot by 8:00 pm Election Day in an official ballot drop box, OR mailing your ballot with a postmark by Election Day.



VoteWA

VoteWA offers an easy-to-use online voter portal where you can:

- Register to vote.
- Update your address.
- Track the return of your ballot.
- View the voters' guide.
- Find a ballot drop box near you.

VoteWA.gov



Replacement ballots

You have a few options to receive a new ballot:

- You can request a new ballot online by visiting VoteWA.gov (log in and select Online Ballot)
- You can also call our office at 509-775-5225 ext. 1139 or e-mail delections@co.ferry.wa.us.



You are encouraged to request a replacement ballot online or by phone however you can still visit the Auditor's Office inside the Ferry County Courthouse and staff can print you a replacement.

Return your ballot on time!

- Mailing your ballot? The good news is you don't need a stamp! However, you do want to check USPS collection times to ensure that it will have a postmark on or before August 1.
- Prefer to skip the post office? Use an official ballot drop box. Locations are listed on page 15. Drop boxes are open until 8:00 pm on August 1!
- Track to see if we have received your ballot at VoteWA.gov (select ballot status).



Ballot instructions

- The ballot packet for the August 1 Primary Election will be mailed to you on July 14. The packet will include your official ballot, a security envelope, and a postage-paid return envelope.
- To vote the ballot, fill in the oval next to your choice with a blue or black pen. Vote for only one in each contest or measure.
- Place your voted ballot into the security envelope. If you forget the security envelope, your ballot will still be counted.
- Put the ballot/security envelope into the return envelope and seal.
- Sign and date your return envelope that has your name printed on it. Your signature on the return envelope is required for your ballot to be counted.
- Return your ballot to the Ferry County Auditor's Office by ballot drop box or mail. See pages 3 and 4 for more information on returning your ballot.
- Ballot must be in the drop box or postmarked by 8:00 pm, August 1.



Top four reasons a ballot cannot be counted

- Ballot received with a late postmark.
- Signature on the ballot envelope doesn't match the signature we have on file.*
- Ballot envelope is not signed.*
- Someone other than the voter has signed the return envelope.

* If a ballot is not signed or the signature doesn't match the signature on your voter registration, the voter is mailed a form to correct the issue.

Candidate statements

Candidate statements are published exactly as submitted to the Ferry County Auditor's Elections Office. We do not make corrections of any kind or verify statements for truth or fact.

Primary election

In each race, you may vote for any one candidate listed. The two candidates who receive the most votes in the August Primary will advance to the November General Election.

Your signature matters!

Signature Information

- Sign and date the voter declaration on the return envelope that has your name printed on it.
- We compare the signature on your ballot envelope with the signature on your voter registration. This is how we know you voted the ballot. Every signature is reviewed and verified!
- How do we get your signature? If you register or update using a paper registration form, we capture your signature from the form. If you register or update through the Department of Motor Vehicles, we capture the signature from your Washington State Driver License or I.D. card.
- Do not sign for another registered voter.
- A Power of Attorney does not have authority to sign for the voter. If a voter is unable to sign, they should make a mark on the signature line and have their mark witnessed by two people. The two witnesses need to sign on the lines provided.
- Our office can have more than one signature on file for you. If you want to provide another signature, please contact us with that request (Signature Update request).
- Reference WAC 434-250-120 for more information.



Frequently Asked Questions

My (spouse, roommate) signed my ballot envelope. What should I do?

This is a very common mistake! If someone has mistakenly signed your ballot envelope, draw a line through the incorrect signature and sign your name directly above the correction.

I forgot to put my ballot in the included security envelope. Is that ok?

Yes! Your ballot will count as long as you have signed the return envelope.

I reopened my ballot envelope and sealed it shut with tape/glue. Will my vote still count?

Yes! As long as the signature on your return envelope matches your registration signature, your vote will count.

I received two ballots, does that mean I get to vote twice?

Sorry you don't get to vote twice! If you have recently moved or changed your address multiple ballots may be mailed to you. Each ballot envelope has a unique barcode which prevents voting multiple times. Once a ballot has been received all other ballots become void.

I got a letter saying my signature did not match the signature on file with your election office. Is my ballot no longer accepted?

All signatures are verified by staff trained by the Washington State Patrol. Staff are trained to look for signature similarities and patterns. However, signatures often change and your signature may no longer match what is currently on file. If you received a signature challenge letter, please sign the letter and promptly return it to our office via mail or email as soon as possible. Your ballot will be counted as soon as we receive your signed letter. Your updated signature letter will also be scanned and your new signature will be added to our database.

I lost/misplaced my original ballot. How do I get another one?

You have a few options to receive a new ballot:

- You can request a new ballot online by visiting VoteWA.gov (log in and select Online Ballot)
- You can also call our office at 509-775-5225 ext. 1139 or e-mail delections@co.ferry.wa.us.

You are encouraged to request a replacement ballot online or by phone however you can still visit the Auditor's Office inside the Ferry County Courthouse and staff can print you a replacement.

Did you receive elections mail for someone else?

SEND IT BACK TO US!

Help safeguard democracy in Ferry County!

Return all misaddressed mail to sender!

What is elections mail?

Elections mail is anything we send out to voters.

It could be:

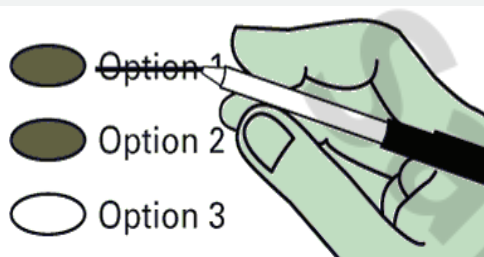
- A ballot
- A voter ID card
- A signature update form
- Anything you receive for a voter who isn't you or someone in your household



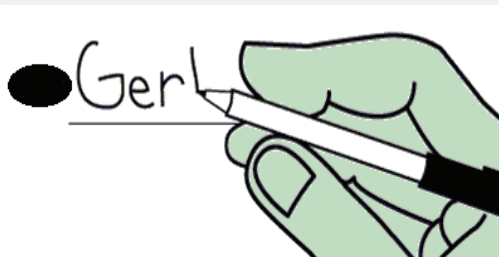
When you send back misaddressed elections mail, you help us keep the voter rolls up-to-date!

Instructions**How to Vote**

Use a dark blue or black ink pen to completely fill in the oval to the left of your choice.
Vote for one in each race. If you vote for more than one, no votes will be counted for that race.

How to correct a mistake

Draw a line through the entire measure response or candidate's name. Then you may make another choice.

Optional write-in

To vote for a candidate not listed for that race, fill in the oval provided to the left of "Write-in" and print the name clearly on the line.

Vote for only one candidate in each race.

**School District 050 -
Nonpartisan Office**
School Director #5

- ☐ Aaron B Grady
- ☐ Jacob Bouge
- ☐ Barbara Bradshaw
- ☐

Write-In

**Kettle Falls School District -
Nonpartisan Office**
Director At-Large #4

- ☐ Thomas (Chip) Johnson
- ☐ Christina Smith
- ☐ Kathleen Stone
- ☐

Write-In

**Town of Republic -
Nonpartisan Office**
**Councilperson #3
Unexpired 2 year term**

- ☐ Jaina Bledsoe
- ☐ Kathleen Lewis
- ☐ Mari J Olsen
- ☐

Write-In

FERRY COUNTY ELECTIONS

Drop Box Locations



Drop box locations:

Ferry County Auditor's Office
350 E Delaware Ave
Republic WA
Hours are 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Republic City Hall
987 S Clark Ave
Republic WA

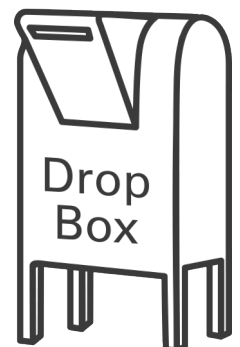
Danville Drop Box
Danville Outpost
19097 N HWY 21
Danville WA

Curlew Drop Box
Curlew Fire Station
30 Customs Rd
Curlew WA

Keller Drop Box
Sanpoil Valley Community Health
11665 S Hwy 21
Keller WA

Not open for this election

Inchelium Drop Box
Lake Roosevelt Community Health Center
39 Short Cut Rd
Inchelium WA





AARON B GRADY

Nonpartisan

Elected Experience

No prior elected Experience

Other Professional Experience

US Navy Submariner, Trident II Nuke Weapons Technician; Welding and Fabrication Puget Sound Naval Shipyard (JPL); Small Business Owner; Towing/Wreck Operations AAA of Puget Sound; Automotive Technician/Owner

Education

Trident II Missile Technician SWS; Submarine School (BESS) Navy Fire Academy; Associates in Technical Arts, Automotive Technology; Marine Computers System 2-year Cert.; National Registry EMT-B; CDL Class A

Community Service

Firefighter Republic #13; Firefighter/EMS Curlew #14; Veterans Assistance Board Ferry County; Vice President Ferry County Actions Shooters

Statement

Hello to the Curlew School District Community and thank you to all that find my next few statements and policies in your best interest to support. Covid was an epic disaster in public policy. Closing schools and forced masking of the student should have never happened. The mental and academic scars will be unmeasurable for our children's future. I'll set forward policies that will make sure these kinds of bureaucratic disasters don't happen again. We need to teach our kids to rise during challenges with confidence and sound judgment. We are blessed with caring teachers and administrators that love and care for our children and support them. The future for these kids will be vastly different from our standard model of success and we must adapt. I will bring forward policies to the curriculum that will give these kids a leg up for the future other than college pipeline development. We have no choice but to try to imagine the world in 20 years and build the future capabilities of our students. I will not abandon our duty to educate the future, regardless of the latest panic or sensation.

For more information

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BRADSHAW
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THOMAS (CHIP) JOHNSON

Nonpartisan

Elected Experience

Kettle Falls School School Board since 2017

Other Professional Experience

Kettle Falls Family Dentistry (Owner/Dentist). Lake Roosevelt Community Health Center, Inchelium and Keller, WA (Dental Director). Chipped & Broken Band (Lead Singer/Guitar)

Education

University of Pittsburgh (DMD, Doctor of Dental Medicine); Arizona State University (B.A., Spanish); Continuing Education in Dentistry, Leadership, Business Management, Current Clinical Research (100+ hours annually)

Community Service

KF School District Board Member. Donates/manages sound system for Kettle Falls High/Middle school graduations and dances. Band provides live music for local fundraisers. Woodland Theater Actor/Volunteer. Youth Sports Coach. Implemented caries prevention program in Inchelium and Keller Schools. Two year church service mission in Mexico.

Statement

I am privileged to have served on the Kettle Falls School District School Board since 2017. I am thankful to have worked with some pretty incredible humans, that as a board, have made big strides and positive changes within our school district to put the students first and serve their best interests. As our district is presented with issues both big and small, I review each situation with a clean slate. I listen to all input provided and put thought into making difficult decisions, putting the students first, without an agenda of my own. The students of Kettle Falls School District, their families, teachers, staff and our community have shown an incredible ability to come together and provide support for one another. It has been amazing to witness. I am motivated to contribute my efforts towards a continued growth mindset for our students, district staff and community members, by way of serving on the Kettle Falls Schools Board. My two children attending and the two that have graduated from Kettle Falls Schools are proud to be Bulldogs.

For more information

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**KATHLEEN
STONE**

Nonpartisan

Elected Experience

Elected and served on the school board in Parks Arizona.

Other Professional Experience

I have been employed as a Registered Nurse for the past 20 years. This job encompasses patient advocacy and acting as a liaison between doctors, patients, and families.

Education

Bachelor's degree in Biology

Associate's degree in Nursing

Associate's degree in Exotic Animal Training and Management

Community Service

Active member in a local church and it's outreach activities. 4-H leadership in animal husbandry and various craft projects.

Involved in a local citizens action group.

Statement

If ever there was a time to pay attention to your local governance, the time is now. Radical changes in education are being implemented in our school districts. Did you know that Washington state does not consider you, the parent, as the primary stakeholder in your child's education? I am running for the school board because I believe that parents are the primary stakeholders. You are responsible and accountable for what your children are taught. I will encourage parental involvement in the school system, and I look forward to working together with school administrators, staff, and students in maintaining a positive and flourishing school environment. One that teaches children how to think - not what to think.

For more information

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**JAINA
BLED SOE**

Nonpartisan

Elected Experience

No previous experience.

Other Professional Experience

9 years US Army active duty, Aviation and logistics specialist.
8 years sole proprietor business ownership. 2 years franchise management. Current managing/majority partner of JMJ Ventures LLC, DBA Republic Pizza Co.

Education

High School graduate Portland, Oregon 1989. 1 year US Army Aviation and Logistics school Ft. Eustis, Virginia 1989 and 1996. Approximately 2 years of miscellaneous college credits towards business management and/or military professional development - no degree.

Community Service

Approximately 1 year volunteering at Forget Me Not Animal Shelter outside Republic, WA. 5 years membership and volunteering for Eagles #68 Republic, WA. Various known and anonymous philanthropic donations since moving to Republic.

Statement

I seek to be a voice for members of this community who feel they have not been heard, have been ignored, or haven't felt adequately represented. I would like to see the city work towards new ideas for a sustainable economic future rather than constantly hope that some consistently unreliable industries decide to return. While I am willing to work towards the common goal of doing what is best for Republic and its community, I am not a rubber stamp for others. Republic should be looking forward and those who visit should look forward to Republic.

For more information

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**KATHLEEN
LEWIS**

Nonpartisan

No statement submitted

**MARI J
OLSEN**

Nonpartisan

Elected Experience

No Information Submitted

Other Professional Experience

I have over 11 years of HR and Safety experience, in addition to owning my own successful business for almost 10 years.

I have the knowledge and skills to work in a collaborative manner with others to ensure our citizens are heard.

I understand the commitment required to be on the city council and I look forward to it.

Education

Attended Republic Middle and High School

Community Service

Raised over \$10,000 for Relay for Life, Volunteer at Eureka Thrift, Member of SWAC, and I help in my community wherever I can!

Statement

Republic is my home- I attended school here, met and married my husband here, and when we grew tired of the rest of the world, we returned to Republic to open our business- MJ'S AFH. I believe I have the experience, skills and values required to serve on City Council. I want to help our city thrive and prosper- but keep the small-town atmosphere that draws in tourists and travelers. My goal is to be transparent and to listen to Republic citizens. I would be honored to have your vote and welcome the opportunity to serve on Republic City Council.

For more information

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Primary Election

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