

Whitman County Official Local Voters' Pamphlet



Primary Election Tuesday, August 3, 2021

When returning your ballot, remember to:

- Postmark by Election Day or
- Deposit in an Official Ballot Drop Box by 8:00 pm on Election Day

Ballots are Mailed out on July 16.

If you haven't received your ballot by July 23, contact the Elections Office.

Register to vote or change your address until 8:00 pm on Election Day by coming into the Whitman County Elections Office.

(See page 2 for more information)



Whitman County Elections Office - Contact Information

In Person: 304 N. Main Street, Colfax

Phone: (509) 397-5284

Fax: (509) 397-5281

Email: elections@co.whitman.wa.us

Hours: Monday - Friday, 8:00 am - 4:30 pm*

*Open until 8:00 pm on August 3, Election Day

Web: www.whitmancounty.net/169/election-information

Although your ballot came with a prepaid postage return envelope this election, you can save taxpayer dollars by dropping off your ballot in one of the Ballot Boxes which are open 18 days prior to Election Day:

All Drop boxes will close at 8:00 pm on Election Day

Drop Box locations:

- Whitman County Elections Office, 304 N. Main St., Colfax, WA 99111
- Alley behind Elections Office, 304 N. Main St., Colfax, WA 99111
- SE Paradise St. just outside of Hinrichs Trading Co., Pullman, WA 99163
- Outside the entrance of Dissmore's IGA, 1205 N. Grand Ave., Pullman, WA 99163

Voting Machines for the visually, hearing, or physically impaired are available at the Elections Office in Colfax (304 N. Main St.) 18 days prior to and on election day.

If you need a replacement ballot or have any questions, please contact the Whitman County Elections Department at (509) 397-5284, or email us at elections@co.whitman.wa.us





Participating Jurisdictions

The following candidate positions included in the August 3, 2021 Primary Election are for:

Cheney School District Director (2)
Malden Town Council (1)

Malden Town Council (3)
City of Palouse Council (6)
Pullman Ward 1, City Council (7)



Voting in Washington State

To Register to Vote, You Must:

- Be a citizen of the United States;
- Have lived at this address in Washington for at least 30-days immediately before the next election at which I vote;
- Be at least 18 years old by Election Day;
- Not be disqualified from voting due to a court order; and
- Not be under Department of Corrections supervision for a Washington State felony conviction.

How to Register to Vote or Change Your Address in Time for the Primary Election:



Go to [MyVote.wa.gov](https://myvote.wa.gov) on or before July 26 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 Aug. 3. Registration forms are online, or can be obtained by contacting the Whitman County Elections Office.



Come into the Whitman County Elections Office, by 8:00 pm on Election Day.

Registration Deadlines for the Primary Election:



Voter registration and address changes online or by mail **must be received by July 26.**

After July 26, visit our office to register to vote or change your address by 8:00 pm on 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.



Voting Instructions

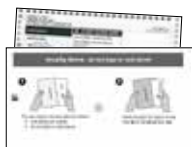
1. The ballot packet will be mailed to you and will include your official ballot, a security sleeve, and a postage-paid return envelope.



2. 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.



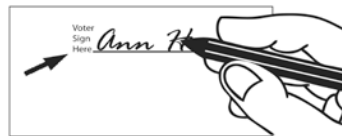
3. Place your voted ballot into the security sleeve. *If you forget the security sleeve, your ballot will still be counted.*



4. Put the ballot/security sleeve into the return envelope and seal.

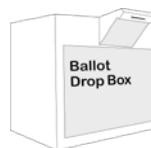


5. Sign and date your return envelope. **Your signature on the return envelope is required for your ballot to be counted.**



6. Return your ballot to the Whitman County Elections Office by ballot drop box or mail.

Or



Ballot must be in the drop box by 8:00 pm, August 3

Or

Ballot must be postmarked by August 3



Cheney School District 360 – Director District 2 – Nonpartisan – 4 Year Term



Chad Smith

Elected Experience

No Information Submitted

Other Professional Experience

Served as a Sergeant in the Army with tours to Iraq and Afghanistan and I also am a Basketball Scout for Prep Hoops.

Education

I will graduate from Gonzaga with my BA

in Psychology in May 2022, with plans to get my graduate degree in Mental Health Counseling.

Community Service

I have been coaching youth sports for over 3 years.

Statement

I have a daughter in the 7th grade at Cheney Middle School and want to bring a new perspective to the Cheney School District with a focus on students, teachers, and the community as a whole. I will be a listening ear and an active voice for change in the Cheney School District.

Candidate Contact Information

No Information Submitted



Zachary Zorrozuza

Elected Experience

This is Zach's first time running for an elected office.

Other Professional Experience

15 years in Residential Mental Health and Addiction Treatment for Adolescents. 6 years an Administrator of Residential Treatment Programs (1 year supervising District 81 classroom).7 years Operating Outpatient

Mental Health Office. 1 year Lecturer EWU Social Work Program.

Education

Cheney High School Graduate
Bachelors in Social Work from Eastern Washington University
Masters in Social Work from Eastern Washington University
Addictions certificate from Eastern Washington University

Community Service

4 years as a Volunteer Firefighter for Spokane County Fire District 3, Station 33.

Statement

Zachary was born and raised in Cheney, WA. He completed K-12 in Cheney School District, and college at EWU. As a community member and tax payer, Zachary wants the district to be financially sound. During Zachary's time in school, he participated in clubs and sports. Zachary continues to support these activities as they provide social/employment skills and are proven protective factors against drug use/criminal behavior. These activities also improve graduation rates. Zachary has two children in the Cheney School District, and wants to make sure decisions made always support families and students.

Candidate Contact Information

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Suzanne G Dolle

Elected Experience

Cheney School Board, Position 2, from 2009-2021

Other Professional Experience:

Certified Youth Mental Health First Aid, preschool teacher, substitute teacher, paraprofessional elementary level, Office Manager and retail sales representative.

Education

Four Years, University of Kentucky studying Elementary Education, Youth Mental Health First Aid Training.

Community Service

A founding member of Talk 2 Healthy Choices Coalition, Cheney and Airway Heights. A PACE supporter, PTA and PTO officer and active member in several states. Trained presenter "Dangers of Vaping".

Keeps the School Board informed of legislation affecting schools as the Legislative Representative.

Statement

I have served on the Cheney School Board for 12 years. During that time the Cheney School District built three new schools and renovated five existing schools to address enrollment and safety issues and purchased land for future schools. During the last year I have been active in making sure our staff and students are safe while addressing the social-emotional and academic needs of our students. As we move forward I want, and have the experience, to address learning loss and the emotional impact of the pandemic on all of our students.

Candidate Contact Information

No Information Submitted



Town of Malden - Council Position 1 - Nonpartisan - 4 Year Term

Kelly Adams

No Information Submitted.

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SUBMITTED**

Scott Hokonson

Elected Experience

Appointed to serve Malden Town Council Position 1, 2018. Elected to Malden Town Council Position 1, 2019.

Other Professional Experience

Operations manager, and or Director, in housing, business, production, facilities, logistics, advertising, HR, and portfolio management. Climbing Arborist.

helped as many people as possible escape, and I am more proud, and humbled by that than any other thing in my life.

Please know, the true heroes of our 2020 fire are you all, and the Whitman County Sheriff's office, you all saved lives together. You saved lives that otherwise had any, or many, died, would have devastated us past any recognizable point of return.

I have been honored and privileged to get to know and work with all of you residents, as well as ongoing and successful relationships with The Governor of Washington State, Both Senators from Washington State, Congressional Representatives from Washington State, Whitman County Sheriff, County Commissioners, and County employees, Spokane County Emergency Management, Washington State Emergency Management, Washington State departments of Commerce, DNR, State Parks, DOH, WSDT, and many others, All of the elected officials of the 9th district.

Through relationship building, and making connections with people and agencies that can help us recover, our community can be anything we all want to work for. Thank you for your consideration of my candidacy

Candidate Contact Information

No Information Submitted

Education

Pursuing double masters degrees at Eastern Washington University, in social work, and urban planning.

Community Service

Volunteer Firefighter/EMT Town of Malden. Volunteer working for the recovery efforts of the Babb Road Fire September 7th, 2020 to January 6th, 2021, thereafter in a paid position.

Statement

I have been working toward rebuilding our community in every way possible since minutes before the fire came through our towns. I

Scott J Schauf

No Information Submitted.

Town of Malden – City Council Position 3 – Nonpartisan – 4 Year Short & Full Term



Colleen Cross

Elected Experience

None

Professional/Work Experience

None in WA

Education

BGS - TCU, 1987

Statement

Town of Malden is a place of significance and place of interest. It is current home to less than 300, and family "home" to many more. Since the Labor Day Fire, the deceptive Social Cleansing agenda has become increasingly obvious. Town governing is about representing the entire Community. The Town's business can be done without dividing the Community up into favored and non-favored residents. All Council members need to be responsible to our Town's public image in a way that focuses on being an inclusive and friendly place, in addition to keeping Malden, WA a quiet and pleasingly rural place. I will be available via email at Cross4Malden@gmail.com. I will be available via Facebook at Colleen Cross for Malden TOWN Council. I will listen thoughtfully and considerately to Citizen Comments during Town Council Meetings as well as Public Hearings. I will bring the people's interests with me to the Council table for each Town Council Meeting, and be always mindful that I'm doing the public's business when I cast a vote for Resolutions or to enact, repeal, or amend Ordinances.

Candidate Contact Information

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Community Service

Community Volunteer/Advocacy since Sept, 2014 in Malden; served on Board for the PCCRLTRO Sept - Dec, 2020; facilitated Resident Organization for Tekoa Retire Apts.

Biography

Born in Balto; Educated in MD, TX, NY; Administrative Director - Harbor City Ballet after College; Worked for Baltimore County Schools/ Recreation, American Lung Association, Ferris Baker Watts, Baltimore Orioles; Initially, headed to Seattle, WA, but the planned pitstop in E. WA had the serendipitous result of introducing me to the beauty Mother Nature has bestowed in Whitman County, WA.



Town of Malden – City Council Position 3 – Nonpartisan – 4 Year Short & Full Term



John Lenz

Elected Experience

No Information Submitted

Other Professional Experience

I worked in the logging industry in Oregon then moved to Nevada and worked in the Gold mines for two years. I then moved back home to Lewiston and worked road construction for 14 years. Then I moved back to Nevada and worked in the under-

ground Mines where I retired.

Education

I grew up on a ranch in Asotin County, went to high school at Anatone and Asotin High Schools. I went to Lane Community College and

completed a two-year associates degree in Diesel Technology.

Community Service

No Information Submitted

Statement

Served six years in the Army, in Korea and Germany. Up on moving back to this area I found my home in the quiet town Of Malden where I am remodeling my house and enjoying my retirement. I have found Malden to be very nice farming community where neighbors are friendly and help one another, much like where I grew up. I would very much like to help the community recover and thrive by serving on the counsel.

Candidate Contact Information

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Janell Turner

No Information Submitted.

City of Palouse – City Council Position 6 – Nonpartisan – 2 Year Unexpired Term



Robert Brooks

Elected Experience

No Information Submitted

Other Professional Experience

30 Years as a Plumber. Currently employed at Washington State University Facility Services Utilities for the last 8 and one half years.

Statement

My name is Robert Brooks. I am running for City of Palouse Council seat #6. I was born and raised with small town values and know the importance of being an elected official. I am excited to see more community growth by supporting local businesses and our City Council. As a city councilman I will strive to make our community better. I support our Armed Forces, First Responders and Law Enforcement Officers. Please contact me if you have any questions. Thank you.

Candidate Contact Information

Robert Brooks
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Education

Graduated Round Valley High School 1990

Community Service

Served in the Maricopa County Sheriff's Communications Posse 2006-2012.



City of Palouse – City Council Position 6 – Nonpartisan – 2 Year Unexpired Term



Scott Storch

Elected Experience

No Information Submitted

Other Professional Experience

40+ year mechanic, specializing in restoration and Hot Rods.

Education

WSU grad, 1996-2001, while working full time. BA Sociology.

Community Service

No Information Submitted

Biography

I've lived in Palouse for 8+ years, currently, and in Palouse and Pullman, for 30+ years. Currently building a straw bale home on N. B. street, in retirement. I feel it's time to perform some civic duty, what better way to start? Born in Seattle, many relatives in Washington. 2 children, 44 and 46, one dog, one cat. Ardis ('wife') works at Palouse Family foods. I love Palouse and want to do all I can to improve the integrity of our town.



Leslie Sena

Elected Experience

No Information Submitted

Other Professional Experience

Leslie Sena taught as a writing instructor for 20 years in WSU's English Department and now heads Full Moon Yoga Coop on Bridge Street.

Education

Sena earned bachelor's degrees in English and History from Stephen F Austin State University in Nacogdoches, TX and a master's degree from WSU in English. Her leadership experience includes serving two terms in WSU's faculty senate.

Community Service

Her community service has involved judging Gar-Pal senior projects, volunteering as a fortune teller for Haunted Palouse since 2016, and helping with the Palouse Music Festival. She also helped facilitate Palouse Homebound Open Mic in April and May of 2020.

Statement

I believe in being transparent, honest, forthright, and fair. I believe in kindness and inclusiveness. I do not want any more housing tracts or reckless over development like we see in Pullman. I want to see improvements and repairs, restoration, to the downtown area. More activity at the community center. I would like to have more music and other activities at the park. Bring back Haunted Palouse. More car shows. A cleaner sewage plant. More renewable energy. Pave more streets. Find more ways to include people in activities. I support the arts and artisans in our community and hope to see more. Body cams on our police, which could be paid for by the state or federal funding. All of my proposals will take money. Finding the money is not easy, but I believe it can be done without overburdening our citizens. How? I don't know, but I am willing to try my best to find out. I would like to see all people be treated as equals. We have a diverse population and I am proud of that. Thank you for reading this and I hope I can be of more service to our community.

Candidate Contact Information

Scott Storch
509-595-1019

Statement

Ever since I moved to the area in 1999 for graduate school at WSU, Palouse has been my favorite place. From music gatherings and exercise classes to my kids' swim lessons, I've participated in anything I could, and have been able to engage with so many kinds of people in the Palouse community. The more I've learned about the city's events and history, the more I've been impressed by the sense of community and the can-do attitude that made this city special.

The last year or so has been hard on our businesses and neighbors. But, again, Palouse citizens organized the Hotline and Community Service Corps, and we did our best to take care of our neighbors during this trying time. A special concern of mine has been availability of housing, which I work towards by providing more rental spaces in Palouse. As a city council member, I look forward to contributing my energy to the kind of creative problem solving and generous spirit that has bolstered Palouse in the past, and will be needed as we work together to recover and grow into our shared future.

Candidate Contact Information

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City of Pullman Ward 1 – Council Position 7 – Nonpartisan – 4 Year Term



Francis Benjamin

Elected Experience

Pullman City Council 2003-2015, former president of the Association of Washington Cities

Professional/Work Experience

30+ years WSU: managing IT, teaching real estate, mentoring entrepreneurs and researching political civility

Education

WSU, Uofl and CMT: Degrees in electrical engineering, psychology, theology, and political science

Community Service

Francis is an energetic community organizer and activist providing leadership for Pullman 2040, Chamber, Pullman Community Council on Aging, Town Gown, Palouse Knowledge Corridor and Kiwanis.

His leadership and volunteer passion extends from youth mentoring to senior advocacy, from the homeless and the food insecure to economic development and training entrepreneurs.

Statement

Francis Benjamin has lived in Pullman since 1985. Together, Heidi and Francis have raised three children. His philosophy is to build a welcoming community together. Community member collaboration achieves the best solutions which elevate the entire community. Francis' focus is to advance a city council that is respectful and responsive to our community members and welcomes a diverse community. To support community members and businesses affected by COVID-19 impacts while remaining fiscally responsible. Increase downtown vibrancy and ease traffic congestion with the South Bypass. Get out of the rut. Less talking. More Doing.

Candidate Contact Information

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Eric Fejeran

Elected Experience

No previous Experience

Professional/Work Experience

6 years Schweitzer Engineering Laboratories on the manufacturing floor; Gaming employee at Mr. Z's Casino; Executive Director of United Way of Whitman County

Education

Associate of Arts, Spokane Falls Community College; Currently attending Washington State University for Business Management

Community Service

Secretary of KRFP Radio

Statement

I first would like to use this space to thank everyone in Pullman for the sacrifices they have made during this pandemic. This past year

has not only tested, but proven the strength and resilience of our community. We must use these lessons learned and bring Pullman back better than it was even before COVID-19, and this campaign has the plan to do so. Pullman must commit itself to recommendations outlined in the Palouse Regional Housing Assessment which states, among other worrisome statistics, that our region is dramatically short of the 2,600 additional single family units needed to match our increasing housing needs. Our citizenry is being burdened by the rising costs of rent and housing every year. The City of Pullman must be exploring innovative ways to combat these costs such as with tiny home neighborhoods, modular built homes, or agrihoods (neighborhoods which mix agriculture and residential land uses).

As your city council representative, trust, honesty, and open communication will be at the forefront of how I conduct myself. There can be no cooperation without trust, no trust without honesty, and no cooperation without open communication. Please trust me with your vote this election.

Candidate Contact Information

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Telephone Number: 509-289-2848



City of Pullman Ward 1 – Council Position 7 – Nonpartisan – 4 Year Term



Max Williams

Elected experience

None

Other Professional Experience

Founder/Owner of Apple A Day Family Medicine - Primary Care Physician.
Education: University of Virginia; BA
University of Pennsylvania School of Medicine; MD
UCLA Family Medicine Residency Program

SEL Health Fair

President, North Village Condominium Association

Statement

Dr. Max Williams has served the Pullman community as a primary care physician for over seven years. In his medical practice, Dr. Max cares for all people equally regardless of income, age, ethnicity, race, religion, or sexual orientation and believes our elected leaders should do the same. This is his first run for political office, and he looks forward to earning your vote!

Candidate Contact Information

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Phone: (509) 332-2400

Website: www.appleadayfamilymedicine.com

Community Service

Lincoln Middle School Health Fair



Al (Alan) Sorensen

Elected Experience

I have been on City Council from 11/2005 to 12/2007 and currently hold Ward 1 (7).

Other Professional Experience

I began my insurance career in Pullman in 1989. I am currently the operating Pioneer Insurance in Pullman. I have been an Instructor in the Finance Department at the Carson College of Business 2007-2009 and

2013 – Present. Becoming a fulltime instructor in January 2018.

living. Pullman is great place to live, raise a family and run a business. My motivation for running for re-election of city council is that I want Pullman to continue to be a great place to live, raise a family and run a business. I believe I made a difference in Pullman and will continue to make a difference.

I would like to see enough businesses in Pullman so that if a person needs something it can be purchased in Pullman versus going to another city. I want to see our downtown grow and thrive. I will continue to moved forward with the Downtown Master Plan by BDS I would like to see the city continue to work with WSU to make Pullman a great experience for both the students and locals.

Pullman needs leadership and I will help lead us into the future. Pullman is in a growth mode and I want to continue to help guide us in the right direction. I am accustomed to asking the hard questions and I will continue to do so. I would appreciate your vote.

Candidate Contact Information

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Education

I have lived in Pullman nearly my entire life. My father accepted a teaching position at WSU in 1966. I grew up here and graduated from both PHS and Washington State University. After graduating from Washington State University.

Statement

Growing up and living in Pullman taught me to appreciate “small town”