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## **Election News**

Ballots will be sent out to all active registered electors during next week, February 12-16, 2024 for the 2024 Presidential Primary Election. Sample Ballots are posted on the Prowers County website at <a href="https://www.prowerscounty.net">www.prowerscounty.net</a> under Election Department.

## UNAFFILIATED VOTERS

- You will receive two ballots in your packet, one Democratic ballot and one Republican ballot.
- Choose ONLY ONE of those ballots to vote. Discard the ballot that you do not fill out.
- Place your ONE voted ballot in the return envelope.
- Sending back two voted ballots will disqualify all of your votes.
- Sign the backside of your return envelope in order for your ballot to count.
- Your choice of ballot to vote in this election will not affiliate you with that political party.

<u>Please don't' wait until the last day (Election Day) to return your voted ballot.</u> <u>We encourage you to return your voted ballot as soon as possible.</u>

<u>Prowers County Clerk's Office, Election Department</u> will be open Saturday, March 2, 2024 from 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. for ballot drop off, replacement ballots, or to register to vote.

## TIPS FOR MAIL-IN BALLOTS:

- 1. Receive ballot, secrecy sleeve and return envelope in the mail.
- 2. Use a blue or black ball point pen to vote your ballot. Make sure to not use an ink pen (Sharpie) that bleeds through the paper.
- 3. Make selection of the candidate you wish to vote for by **completely** filling in the oval provided to the left of your choice.

  Example: John Doe
- 4. If you have a ballot "Packet" you can only vote ONE ballot style i.e. Democratic or Republican. Do not vote both of the ballots or your vote will not count.
- 5. Place the ballot inside of the secrecy sleeve in your return envelope preaddressed to Prowers County Clerk and Recorder.
- 6. Before sealing the envelope, <u>sign on the signature affidavit line</u> <u>located on the back of the return envelope</u>. Your <u>signature is</u> <u>required</u> in order for your ballot to be counted.
- 7. You may then drop your voted ballot off at the Clerk & Recorder's Office at 301 S. Main St, Ste. 210, Lamar, CO 81052, or mail it back with adequate postage, or drop it off in the ballot drop box located in the parking lot east of the county courthouse building.
- 8. All ballots must be received by the County Clerk on Election Day, March 5, 2024 no later than 7:00 p.m. in order to be counted, whether by hand delivery or US Postal delivery. **Post mark dates do not count as received.**