

Tuesday is primary election day

(MSC News)--Voters will go to the polls Tuesday to decide which candidates for federal, state and county offices should advance to the November general election ballot.

There are several local contested races.

***In Atchison County*, incumbent Sheriff Jack Laurie is being challenged by Adam Potts in the Republican primary for the position of sheriff. The winner will face Democrat John Calhoon in November.**

Also in the Republican primary, incumbent 3rd District Atchison County Commissioner Henry Pohl is being challenged by Casey Quinn in his bid for re-election to a third term. The winner will face Democrat Duane Boldridge in November.

***In Brown County*, incumbent Sheriff John Merchant is being challenged by Hiawatha Police Captain Dennis Entriken in the Republican primary for the position of sheriff. No Democratic candidate filed.**

Incumbent 3rd District Brown County Commissioner Dwight Kruse is being challenged in his bid for re-election by fellow Republican Bill Pollock. No Democratic candidate filed.

Two candidates are vying in the Republican primary for the position of county treasurer. Betty “ B.J.” Spiker and Anne Olsen are seeking to replace current treasurer Cheryl Lippold who plans to retire when her term ends in October of next year.

***In Doniphan County*, there is a five-way race for the position of sheriff in the Republican primary. Incumbent Sheriff Chad Clary, Michael Liehti, Nick Popple, Dan Rathmann and Dustin Robinson are vying for the position. No Democratic candidate filed.**

There is also a contested race for 3rd District Doniphan County Commissioner in the Republican primary, with incumbent Jerry McKernan being challenged by Bobby Hall. No Democratic candidate filed.

Three candidates are vying in the Republican primary for District Magistrate Judge. They include incumbent Laura Johnson-McNish, Douglas Duncan and Scott Morris.

In addition, voters in eight Doniphan County townships will decide the fate of tax levies to raise funds for the purchase of rock for township roads.

***In Jackson County*, there is a contested race in the Republican primary for 3rd District County Commissioner between incumbent Bill Elmer and Keith Kelly. No Democratic candidate filed.**

***In Nemaha County*, there will be contested races in the Republican primary for the positions of 2nd and 3rd District County Commissioner.**

Incumbent 2nd District Commissioner Tim Burdick is being challenged by Jason Koch . The winner will face Democrat Greg Allen in November.

Two Republican candidates are vying for the position of 3rd District commissioner. They include Bob Sextro and Dylan Keim. The winner will face Democrat incumbent Dennis Henry in November.

***In Marshall County*, three candidates are vying in the Republican primary for 2nd District county commissioner. They include incumbent Tom Holle, Fritz Blaske and Don King. No one filed on the Democratic ticket.**

There is a contested race in the Republican primary for District Magistrate Judge between incumbent Angela Hecke and Bobbi Pippia. No one filed on the Democratic ticket.

Voters in the Marshall County community of Blue Rapids will decide whether to approve a half-cent sales tax proposal that would be used, in part, to fund a new swimming pool and bathhouse.

The polls will be open Tuesday from 7 in the morning until 7 in the evening.

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