

Tuesday election day

(MSC News)--Voters will go to the polls Tuesday to decide local, state and federal offices.

Voters in Atchison and Jackson Counties will also decide whether to allow businesses to sell liquor-by-the drink without having to also sell food. Currently, businesses in both counties can only sell liquor-by-the-drink if 30 percent of their total sales come from food.

In addition, voters in White Cloud will decide whether the city should impose a one-percent retailers sales tax for general purposes—including maintaining and improving the city's streets and to minimize the need for property tax increases.

***In Atchison County*, there are contested races for Sheriff and 3rd District county commissioner.**

Republican incumbent Sheriff Jack Laurie is being challenged by former sheriff John Calhoon, who is a Democrat.

Republican Casey Quinn and Democrat Duane Boldridge are vying to be the new 3rd District county commissioner. The seat is currently held by William “Bill” Pohl, who was defeated during the August primary election.

***In Brown County*, there aren't any contested races for county offices but three contested races for positions on the Hiawatha City Commission. Former police chief Evans Woehlecke is challenging incumbent Dustin Williams for the position of Commissioner of Police. Nicholas Blevins and Paul Mendez are challenging Becky Shamburg in her bid for re-election as Commissioner of Parks and Streets. Toni Hull is being challenged in her bid for re-election as Commissioner of Utilities by Brian Shefferd.**

***In Doniphan County*, there is a contested race for 2nd District County Commissioner. Incumbent Republican Wayne Grable is being challenged by Doyle Prawl.**

***In Jackson County*, there is a contested race for 2nd District County Commissioner. Incumbent Republican Janet Zwonitzer is being challenged by Dan Brenner, who is running as a independent candidate.**

There is also a contested race for a position on the Holton City Commission. Incumbent Bob Dieckmann is being challenged by Jason Murphy in his bid for re-election to position 3.

***In Jefferson County*, there is a contested race for 3rd District County Commissioner: Incumbent Republican Richard Malm is being challenged by Democrat Greg Noll.**

***In Nemaha County*, there are contested races for two positions on the County Commission.**

While two names will appear on the ballot for 2nd District Commissioner, one of the candidates, Democrat Greg Allen, has announced he's withdrawing from the race. Incumbent Commissioner Tim Burdick , who lost during the August Republican primary election, has announced he's running as a write-in candidate against fellow Republican, Jason Koch.

Republican Dylan Keim is challenging incumbent Democrat Dennis Henry for 3rd District County Commissioner.

In addition to the local county races, there is also a contested for the 1st District Kansas Senate seat. Rural Hiawatha Republican incumbent Dennis Pyle is being challenging by Havensville Democrat Kirk Miller in his bid for re-election to another 4-year term.

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