

# MEET THE CANDIDATES



2 YEAR CITY COUNCIL – PRIMARY TUESDAY AUGUST 10, 2021

## **Regan Wheeler**

I was born in Lewiston and have lived here my entire life. I raised four sons on the same street where I grew up and I operated a successful farming business for 50-plus years. This background and experience have provided me with an awareness of the needs of the community, the resources available to us, as well as the public concerns that faces our city. As such, I want to formally announce that I will be running for the Lewiston City Council seat.

It is my belief that public service is a responsibility that all people share. When I was younger, I never seemed to find the time to give back to the community that was so generously providing a safe and supportive environment for me and my wife to raise our four boys. Now that I am older, I have become more aware of the added responsibility that community citizens face. Consequently, I would like to contribute my time and best effort to the service of others.

## **Brenda Link**

I have lived in Cache county for 18 years and in Lewiston for 4 years. I have taught elementary school for the past 16 years, and I love working with youth and children. I have served in many capacities that deal with children, including in the Scouts as a den leader and as an 11-year-old scout leader. I also had the privilege of co-conducting an early morning elementary choir in Box Elder County, and I have participated in community theater projects both in Utah and Montana. Prior to teaching I had many employment opportunities, such as driving city and paratransit buses and working in the reservation department in Yellowstone National Park. I am concerned about our local, state, and federal communities. I am dedicated to upholding the Constitution and our civil liberties. As an educator I am concerned about the future of our education system and the wellbeing of our children. I feel that taking an active part in our local community as a member of the city council is a way that I can have a positive influence on policies and give back to the city and state that I love. I am not from Utah originally, but I choose to live here because of the amazing people and the unparalleled quality of life that exists. If I am elected to the city council, I promise to always have the best interests of Lewiston City and its people in mind when acting in that capacity.

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## **NED SIMPER**

Hi, I am Ned Simper. I grew up in Taylorsville, Utah and moved to Cache Valley in 1995 to attend Utah State University. Where I received a bachelor's degree in Animal Science. While attending Utah State I met Jodie who was from Coalville, Utah. Soon after I graduated, we got married and have been married now for 22 years. We lived in the Logan area for 3 years before moving to Lewiston in 2002. At the time we moved here I was working for IFA North Region Feed in Lewiston. Shortly after moving to Lewiston, I made the decision to go back to school at Utah State University where I then received a master's degree in Extension Education. While I was attending school, I started working for Lowe's Home Improvement where I have been employed for the last 18 ½ years. I worked as a Department Manager for several years overseeing several different departments. In 2012 the position that I currently have opened, and I got the job. I now go to customers home's and help them with projects that we install for the exterior of the home. We have 3 children Jared who is 20, Natalie who is 18 and Jason who passed away in 2016 he would now be 16. I am actively involved in the community as a 4-H leader helping kids in the community raise livestock for the 4-H and FFA programs. My family also raises sheep and goats primarily for the 4-H and FFA program.

The town of Lewiston has been a great place to live, and the community has helped me get through some very rough times in my life. I plan on living in Lewiston for the rest of my life. I decided that I wanted to give back even more and help make Lewiston an even better place to live. Since the 2020 election it has become clearer to me that if we want to make a positive difference in our community and our government that we need to get involved. It is these 2 reasons that I am running for Lewiston City council. I hope to make a positive difference for the people of Lewiston and give back to them. Lewiston and the people of Lewiston hold a special place in my heart and I will do anything to make it a better place for the future.

## **KADE TARBET – Coming soon!**

4 YEAR CITY COUNCIL – NO PRIMARY – GENERAL ELECTION TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 2, 2021

## **BROOKE HYER**

Hi Lewiston! I am Brooke Hyer and I am grateful for the opportunity to call Lewiston home. My husband, Cody, and I purchased a home in Lewiston in 2013 to move closer to his grandparents, Soup and Elaine Jessop. We have two children and enjoy spending time at the park or up the mountains. We love this community and the rural feel of Lewiston which is the biggest reason I have decided to run for City Council. We can all see that growth is happening in Cache Valley and with that growth brings new challenges. Some of our fellow cities have handled the challenges well, while others could have used better planning. My number one concern for Lewiston is to have our city's master plan in place so as the growth moves into our City, we are prepared for the challenge and already have answers in place for what we as a community want to allow to be built or developed. Proper zoning, even if just planning for what those zones will be, is critical at this time. I believe that we should have a clear idea of what we as a community want Lewiston to look like in the future right now so we can all continue to live here, provide housing opportunities for our children to live here, and support responsible growth. Change is inevitable, so let's control what we can to keep our city the rare gem that it is.

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## **SID RODERER**

Never would I have anticipated the welcome we received in this community, immigrating from Switzerland in 2011. We quickly learned that not only were we blessed to arrive in an exceptional community that was willing to embrace us, but that there were so many unique attributes to the city, I treasure. It is rather unique in Utah, to not have a busy highway splitting the City in two halves. To have such a small community (in population) to have their own local grocery store, a Library, a Theatre, Elementary, two gas stations and not to neglect all the events that attract citizens from the whole valley and beyond to Lewiston.

I have reached a point in my life, where I feel not only the desire but the ability to give back, by serving my community as a City Council Member. Working in Real Estate since we came here has helped me to get educated on City Planning issues, that allow me to give input that will help preserve all the unique qualities this City provides. Observing the development in other Cities closely has given me a perspective on what to avoid and to have an open communication with the residents on the pros and cons any direction to take. I love discussing opinions on any subject after I have had a chance to gather facts and will welcome any discussion to be able to represent the citizens of Lewiston in decision making processes. In the past, I have been able to serve on the Lewiston City Arts Council and as Chairman of the Economic Development Committee as well as organizations like the Chamber of Commerce and the Cache Valley Association of Realtors.

I have co-founded the Empowering Seniors Group, which is sponsoring the "Senior Moments" Radio Show every Saturday on **KVNU**, which provides a free platform for information to help with challenges in aging.

I would appreciate your support in allowing me to serve on City Council as an educated extension of your voice. I love the people of this town and would feel honored to serve as part of positive and smart development of all City aspects.

**JOHN H. MORRISON – STAY TUNED!!**

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## MAYOR

### **JEFF W. HALL**

I am a lifelong resident of Lewiston. I take great pride in being from Lewiston. I've traveled the country, working in agriculture, but believe there is no place better than Lewiston. I was raised on a dairy farm, which I continue to work on & manage. I graduated from USU, studying Agricultural Business, Economics, Spanish, & Dairy Science. My wife Heidi (who teaches math & statistics at Sky View High) and I have 3 daughters & a son. I served previously on the city council, so I have past exposure to the city and its workings. I see Lewiston as a very well managed city & hope to continue that. I will bring a common-sense, well-thought-out, looking-at-all- options approach to problem solving and decision making. I embrace technology, efficiencies, & smarter ways to manage businesses. I am a fiscal conservative. I understand limited resources & that government cannot provide all services. I believe in serving & want to continue to be involved and see Lewiston thrive. I hope to continue the feeling of pride in our wonderful city of Lewiston, in how it operates, its appearance, & in the people of Lewiston's friendliness to each other. I would be honored to serve as the next Mayor of Lewiston City.

### **JONNA WESTOVER – WRITE IN CANDIDATE**

My name is Jonna Westover, and I am running for Mayor as a WRITE-IN candidate. I have lived in Lewiston for nearly 16 years, moving here when my husband, Jason, took over his family's dairy farm and I accepted a research position at Utah State University. I immediately loved Lewiston and its close-knit community and knew I wanted to serve in any way I could. I began by volunteering on the Lewiston Library for 6 years then chaired the 4<sup>th</sup> of July celebration for 2 years. I was elected to Lewiston City Council in November 2015 and re-elected in 2019. The current City Council then elected me to serve as their Mayor Pro Tem. During the past 5 ½ years I have overseen various departments including the Library, Fire/EMS Department, Roads/Streets, 4<sup>th</sup> of July Celebration, Youth Council, and the Business Park. I have thoroughly enjoyed learning how each of these unique entities within Lewiston City Corp operate and the vital role that each department plays.

As a city we have many projects currently underway. One project is to repair and upgrade the city water system with the addition of a new well and water storage tank. Another project is the sewer system which will include new sewer lines and lagoon improvements. These projects combined will cost over \$10 million but are necessary for the future of Lewiston. I feel it is vital for the next mayor to have a good working knowledge of these projects and having served on City Council the past 5 ½ years, I have the necessary understanding to ensure they continue to progress smoothly.

I hope to serve the residents of Lewiston City for the next 4 years as mayor. I will always try to be available and welcome the input of everyone in Lewiston so that our city remains the great place to live that it is now. Please WRITE-IN Jonna Westover for Mayor.