

NOTICE OF PRIMARY ELECTION

Notice is hereby given that on **Tuesday, May 12, 2026**, a statewide Primary Election will be held in Nebraska.

All ballots will be delivered by non-forwardable mail to every registrant in Cherry County. Return envelopes, with postage included, will be provided. In accordance with §32-908, on Election Day, the Cherry County Clerk's Office will be open at 8:00 AM CST and close at 8:00 PM CST. **Ballots will only be counted if they are received in the Clerk's Office by 8:00 PM CST, regardless of postmark date.**

If not returning by mail, ballots may be hand-delivered to the Clerk's Office OR to the Ballot Dropbox located at the Southeast corner of the Cherry County Courthouse main entrance (by court doors) until 8:00 PM CST on Election Day, the statutory close of the polls.

The Primary Election is for the purpose of electing some candidates to office and for nominating some candidates to the General Election on the 3rd day of November 2026.
Certain races below will only appear on the ballots of those voters whom reside in that district.

PRIMARY BALLOT ITEMS

UNITED STATES SENATORIAL TICKET		STATE TICKET			
For United States Senator 6 Year Term - Vote for ONE (Nominate)		For Governor 4 Year Term - Vote for ONE (Nominate)		For Secretary of State 4 Year Term - Vote for ONE (Nominate)	
Eric Mortimore	REP	Sheila J. Korth-Focken	REP	Bob Evnen	REP
Pete Ricketts	REP	Gary L. Rogge	REP	Scott Petersen	REP
Todd Knobel	REP	Jim Pillen	REP	Lee M. Cimfel	DEM
Mac Stevens	REP	Jacy Todd	REP	Sarah J. Slattery	DEM
Debb Axtell Schultz	REP	Sal Holguin	REP	For State Treasurer (Nominate)	
William J. Forbes	DEM	John Walz	REP	4 Year Term - Vote for ONE	
Cindy Burbank	DEM	Lynne Walz	DEM	Joey Spellerberg	REP
Earl Starkey	LMN	Larry Marvin	DEM	Daniel Ebers	DEM
Mike Marvin	LMN	Rick Beard	LMN	For Attorney General (Nominate)	
CONGRESSIONAL TICKET		James J. Charvat III	LMN	4 Year Term - Vote for ONE	
For Representative in Congress District 03 (Nominate) 2 Year Term - Vote for ONE					
David P. Huebner	REP	Mike Hilgers			
Adrian Smith	REP	Jocelyn Brasher			
Becky Kelly Stille	DEM	For Auditor of Public Accounts (Nominate)			
David J. Else	LMN	4 Year Term - Vote for ONE			
COUNTY TICKET					
For Cherry County Commissioner At Large Vote for up to TWO - (Nominate)					
Nina M Nelson					
Duane Kime					
Mike McConaughy					
Wade Andrews					
For Cherry County Sheriff At Large Vote for ONE - (Nominate)					
Maxwell Renning					
Erick Wickman					

NONPARTISAN TICKET

For Member of the State Board of Education District 07 - 4 Year Term Vote for ONE (Nominate)		Middle Niobrara Natural Resources District For Board of Directors At Large - 4 Year Term Vote for ONE (Nominate)		Gordon Memorial Hospital For Board of Directors - 4 Year Term Vote for UP TO THREE (Elect)	
Elizabeth Tegtmeier		Mark Monroe		Doug Woodbeck	
		Tonny W. Beck		Kayti Schwarting	
		Jeff Ward			

The races and candidates listed below will not appear on the Primary Election ballot, as the number of candidates filing for office met the auto advance requirements according to §32-811. These candidates are declared nominated and will advance to the November 3, 2026 General Election.

GENERAL ELECTION AUTO ADVANCE BALLOT ITEMS

PARTISAN TICKET (Vote for ONE - ALL Races)

For Cherry County Assessor	Melissa J Bancroft	REP
For Cherry County Attorney	Eric A. Scott	REP
For Cherry County Clerk	Samantha Leonard	REP
For Cherry County Clerk of the District Court	Jessica Hanson	REP
For Cherry County Public Defender	Andrew C. Johnson	REP
For Cherry County Surveyor	Timothy A. Hanson	REP
For Cherry County Treasurer	Kathy Hammond	REP

NONPARTISAN TICKET

Middle Niobrara Natural Resources District For Board of Directors Vote for ONE (By Subdistrict)		For City of Valentine Council Member Vote for UP TO TWO		Hyannis Area Schools For Board of Education Member Vote for UP TO THREE	
Justin Hammond	Subdistrict 02	Neil Wescott		Chris Cover	
Robert Shelbourn	Subdistrict 02	Brad Arnold		Justin Vinton	
Stephanie Ladely	Subdistrict 04	Bradley Cardinal		Mullen Public Schools For Board of Education Member Vote for UP TO THREE	
Casey J. Foster	Subdistrict 04	Cody- Kilgore Unified Schools For Board of Education Member Vote for UP TO THREE		Patrick Wright	
Martin Graff	Subdistrict 06			Liza Simonson	
Upper Loup Natural Resources District For Board of Directors Vote for ONE (By Subdistrict)				Casey Phillips	
David Vinton	Subdistrict 01			Jessica Polt	
John Krave	Subdistrict 02			Barb McIntosh	
Christopher M. Higgins	Subdistrict 03	Gordon Rushville School District #10 For Board of Education Member Vote for UP TO THREE		Theford Public Schools For Board of Education Member Vote for UP TO THREE	
Patrick Wright	At Large			Alison Werner	
Western Community College For Board of Governors Vote for ONE (By District)				Spencer Burk	
Lori Liggett	District 01			Valentine Community Schools For Board of Education Member Vote for UP TO THREE	
Mid Plains Community College For Board of Governors Vote for ONE (By District)				Jessica Dawson-Coyle	
Cindy L. Duncan	District 03			Gregory Gass	
				Clinton L. Assarsson	

GENERAL ELECTION ONLY BALLOT ITEMS

Candidates for village boards, public power district boards grossing under \$40 million, and educational service unit board members may be elected during the General Election.

Filing Deadlines for these Races are: July 15, 2026 for incumbents and August 3, 2026 for new filers.

Constitutional Amendments for this Primary Election, if any, will be published by the Secretary of State.

Dated this 19th day of March 2026
Samantha Leonard
Cherry County Clerk/ Election Commissioner

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