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**Election judges Barb DeVries, Mary Kay Monger, middle, and Vicki Weber, right, use a new program to resolve voting issues while looking over mail-in ballots Monday afternoon.** Voters who did not mail in their ballots or take part in early voting will have their last chance to weigh in on the issues today. The polls will be open from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. across the county.

**Election Day arrives**

Win or lose, most happy to get it over with

**Brandon Gee**  
 PILOT & TODAY STAFF

**STEAMBOAT SPRINGS**

Election Day has arrived, but many voters won't visit any of the 10 polling locations set up throughout Routt County today. Truth be told, Election Day is no longer just the first Tuesday in November.

Routt County Clerk and Recorder Kay Weinland said more than 4,000 residents already have voted early or by mail-in

ballot. Considering only 6,850 people voted in the county's last odd-year election, it's unlikely polling locations will experience the hours-long lines that landed Routt County on the Colorado Secretary of State's Election Watch List after the 2006 election.

While this year's turnout isn't expected to approach the record turnout of 2004 — when 92 percent of the county's nearly 14,000 registered voters cast ballots

**On the 'Net**

Stay on top of today's election results by visiting [steamboatpilot.com](http://steamboatpilot.com), which will update all local races throughout the evening.

— Weinland expects a healthy showing.

"I think we're having really strong turnout for this election," she said. "If we get 50 percent in an odd-year election, it's pretty good. But I'm never satisfied. I always hope for more."

One reason more voters may be motivated to fulfill their civic responsibility this year is the number of local issues on the ballot: Five of seven Steamboat Springs City Council seats are up for election; Routt County is presenting a deBrucing question to fund road improvements during the next six years and other projects afterward; the North Routt Fire Protection District and the Hayden Cemetery District

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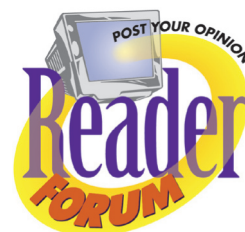


**Monday night's Cash 5 numbers:**  
 1-5-14-30-31  
 Drawings are held Monday through Saturday.

**WEATHER**



Sunny and mild in the afternoon. High of 58.  
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