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County urges early voting

High turnout expected for general election

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Routt County residents have just more than a week left to register to vote for the fast-approaching Nov. 4 election.

People have until Oct. 6 to register to vote in the general election. Voters who already are registered must meet the same deadline if they need to update their addresses or make other corrections to their voter registration.

Although she said procrastinating is "human nature," Routt County Clerk and Recorder Kay Weinland asked that people be proactive and register sooner rather than later, and vote as early as they can.

To limit long lines at the polls on Election Day, two weeks of early voting will be conducted in Steamboat Springs next month.

"The first week is usually slow; the second week is extremely busy," Weinland said.

"If you're going to vote early, you need to vote as early as you can in that process."

Saturday early voting will be available Oct. 25 in Steamboat Springs, Hayden and Oak Creek.

Routt County landed on the state's Election Watch List in 2007, after long lines and difficulties with the county's new electronic voting machines delayed voters for as many as four hours during the November 2006 election. After a revamp of county voting procedures — including a return to precinct-based polling locations and the availability of paper ballots — Routt



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On Thursday, Routt County Clerk and Recorder Kay Weinland holds one of the bipartisan election signs that have been made available to raise awareness of registering and voting early in 2008. The last day to register to vote is Oct. 6.

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LOTTO



Thursday night's Cash 5 numbers: 9-15-16-22-31
Drawings are held Monday through Saturday.

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