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Lots of decisions for GOP voters Tuesday

BGV floats \$1.3M school levy

Owyhee County Republican voters better set aside some time Tuesday. They're going to be busy

filling out one of the fullest primary election ballots in

— See *Decisions*, page 8A

Results online

The Owyhee Avalanche will publish election results as soon as possible after the polls close Tuesday at www.owyhee.com.

NORTHERN LIGHTS CASCADE SOUTH



Owyhee County residents captured the Aurora Borealis (Northern Lights) during its rare appearance in southern latitudes during the weekend. The glimpse came courtesy of the strongest geomagnetic storm (the clash of solar winds and the Earth's magnetosphere, according to the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration) in about 20 years. Photos by Larry Kendrick of Murphy (top) and A.J. Ellis of Marsing (right)



Garbage rates: Homedale's going up soon, Marsing's may

Homedale council allows Republic's 4% request

Republic Services Inc., the company hauling trash in Homedale and Marsing, seeks another rate increase come October.

Bill Pastoor, who stayed on as a local representative when he sold his Westowns Disposal Inc., to Republic, visited the city council meetings in Homedale and Marsing last Wednesday to deliver the request.

Citing a 30 percent spike in the cost of doing business over the past two years — from soaring diesel costs to

— See *Garbage*, page 4A

County addresses Avalanche article on tort claim

In reply to your article of May 8th ("Sheriff, county hit with tort claim"), as the County Risk Manager I offer the following:

Owyhee County has received the tort claim filed by Karis Young and is aware of the allegations made in that notice. The Sheriff's Office denies any wrongdoing, but upon advice of legal counsel, we will not respond to those allegations specifically as this matter is being reviewed as required by the Idaho Tort Claims Act.

Angie Barkell
Owyhee County Clerk

A tort claim is a notice of intent to file a lawsuit. No such suit has been filed yet, to The Owyhee Avalanche's knowledge.

— Ed.



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Where to vote Tuesday

Registered voters can cast their ballots, or citizens can register with proper identification, at the following polling places between 8 a.m., and 8 p.m., on Tuesday. Voters living in mail-in precincts — and others voting by mail-in absentee ballot — have until 8 p.m., on Tuesday to get their ballots to the Owyhee County Clerk’s Office in Murphy.

Precincts 1 and 2, North and South Homedale
Owyhee County Community Center
423 West Nevada Ave., Homedale

Precincts 3 and 4, North and South Marsing
Phipps-Watson Post 128 American Legion
Community Center
126 Old Bruneau Hwy., Marsing

Precinct 6, Wilson
Wilson School House
10427 Johnston Lane, Melba

Precinct 7, Murphy
Owyhee County Historical Museum
McKeeth Hall
17085 Basey Street, Murphy

Precinct 8, Oreana
Oreana Community Hall
18092 Oreana Loop Road, Oreana

Precinct 9, Grand View
Grand View Community Center
501 Idaho Ave., Grand View

Precinct 10, Bruneau
American Legion Post 83 Hall
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Precinct 5 — Pleasant Valley
Precinct 11 — Riddle
Precinct 12 — Three Creek
Precinct 13 — Absentee
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Liberty Lounge’s opening draws huge crowd

The owners of Liberty Lounge and pizzeria gathered with the community and Homedale Chamber of Commerce’s representatives for a ribbon-cutting ceremony and grand opening Friday. The new family-friendly restaurant and entertainment spot owned by Matt and Lindsay Barnes is located at 120 W. Idaho Ave., the former Last Chance Saloon, but also includes the open space to the east. The courtyard and building attracted dozens of people, according to Chamber president Leslie Griffith. “What an incredible turnout. ... It looked more like downtown Caldwell,” she said. “It was a great evening and a fantastic addition to downtown Homedale.” **Above, from left:** Griffith, Owyhee Candle Co. owners Nikki and Vance Barowsky, Matt and Lindsay Barnes (cutting the ribbon), Larry McBride, Street Dogs owner Perry Grant, Amber Rooks, and Chamber member Stacy Woods. **Below:** The revamped storefront and patio. Submitted photos



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High School Rodeo Finals Visit Owyhee County Fairgrounds

County cowboys, cowgirls rack up District 2 titles

It was fitting that the Idaho High School Rodeo Association District 2 finals were held inside the Owyhee County Fairgrounds rodeo arena Saturday and Sunday.

Four Owyhee County student-athletes swept the all around and reserve all around titles.

Trey McFarlane of Wilder (a Homedale High School team member) won the boys' all around, and fellow Homedale competitor Sam Saunders was the boys' reserve all around.

Celie Davis of Adrian captured the girls' all around title, and Trey's sister, Sloan, captured the girls' reserve all around.

— Information provided by Cherie Rolland



Above: Trell McFarlane scored 67 points on his Sunday reride to win the event and the season title. Left: Bull rider Trey McFarlane scored 79 points on his Sunday ride to wrap up the District 2 bull riding championship. The twin brothers, sons of Katie and Jerad McFarlane of Wilder will compete in next month's Idaho High School Finals Rodeo in Pocatello.



Homedale High School senior Sierra Telford placed fourth in Sunday's barrel racing with a time of 17.111 seconds. She's the daughter of Jake Telford and Jessie Telford.

Photos by
Cherie Rolland /
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Weather

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May 7	60	41	.04
May 8	56	41	.00
May 9	61	37	.00
May 10	75	40	.00
May 11	77	42	.00
May 12	83	43	.00
May 13	87	49	.00

Water report

The Bureau of Reclamation website showed that the Owyhee Reservoir was 100 percent full and that water was flowing in the Owyhee River above the reservoir at Rome, Ore., at a rate of 2,697 cubic feet per second. Water is flowing out at Nyssa, Ore., at a rate of 1,737 cubic feet per second. The reservoir held 713,344 acre-feet of water on Monday.

— Information compiled from the Helena Chemical in Homedale, Bureau of Reclamation, and Natural Resources Conservation Service

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The Homedale City Council meeting last Wednesday had a different look as the council sat on the old magistrate courtroom’s bench, and the city staff sat in the former jury box. **From left:** City Clerk and Treasurer Alice Pegram, Public Works Supervisor Jake Hyer, Police Chief Jeff Eidemiller, city attorney Paul J. Fitzer, and Council members Steve Atkins, Aaron Tines, Mike Aebischer, and Kim Murray. Mayor Gheen Christoffersen was ill, and Aebischer ran the meeting as council president.

✓ Garbage: Republic rep says expenses up 20-30 percent

other expenses — Pastoor said Republic is asking for a four percent rate increase in Fiscal Year 2025.

“I angst a lot over coming for this,” Pastoor said before his presentation before the Homedale council.

The Homedale City Council approved a four percent increase for FY 25. Residents will see the change on their October bills.

Homedale’s residential base rate will rise from \$14.34 to \$14.92 per month. The base rate includes one tote. Each additional tote will come with a monthly rental rate of \$2.76, which is an 11-cent increase per tote over the current price.

Marsing’s city leaders will reserve judgment until after their budget workshop.

Pastoor called the requested rate hike a “cost-of-living

increase” during his Marsing City Council appearance.

During the Homedale City Council meeting held last Wednesday in a newly configured council Chambers, Pastoor originally asked the council to consider an annual increase of four percent, but city attorney Paul J. Fitzer reminded council members that they shouldn’t shoulder a future council with what amounts to a binding contract.

“I rarely recommend doing something for more than two years because it, in essence, binds other city councils (to the decision),” Fitzer said.

City officials approved a six percent increase last year, and any increase allowed in the coming months would go into effect in October when the new fiscal year begins.

Pastoor pointed out to the

Homedale council that when he owned Westowns he tried to keep rate hikes at a minimum, asking for small increases in 2015, 2017, 2021 and last year.

Two council members spoke up before the Homedale vote.

“I think we all know that prices are going up,” Aaron Tines said. “We have to be fair: A four percent increase is better than what we’re seeing (in) 20 and 30 percent increases.”

Kim Murray: “It’s miniscule, but it will make a big difference for you being to serve the community.”

The Marsing City Council decided to discuss the request at its upcoming FY 25 budget workshop.

If the increase is approved, residents will see a 65-cent increase in their monthly fee from the current \$16.30 to

\$16.95.

Mayor Hayzen Corder pointed out that the city approved a nine percent fee increase last year.

Councilperson Brandy Johnson mentioned that some areas in town aren’t seeing garbage pick-up, while Corder said citizens have complained about the inconsistency of the Republic crew’s pick-up times.

Pastoor, who consistently asks for performance feedback with each visit, reminded the council that the company suggests citizens set up their garbage the night before the scheduled pick-up day.

Republic services Marsing on Fridays. Residential garbage pick-up in Homedale occurs on Thursdays.

— JPB

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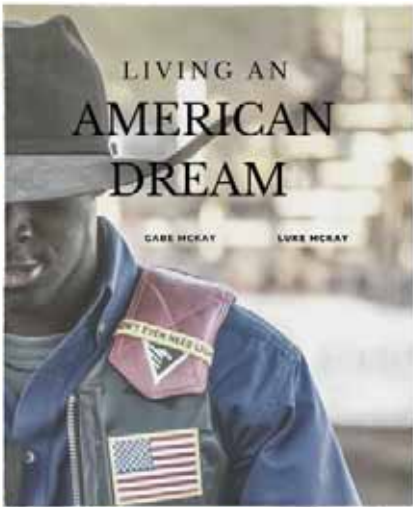
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May 16: BBQ pork, coleslaw, baked potato
May 21: Baked chicken, mashed potatoes and gravy, country trio vegetables
May 22: Scalloped potatoes with ham, California blend vegetables

Sandbar Community Room, Marsing

Noon to 12:30 p.m., inside Marsing City Hall
Milk available each day
Suggested donation: \$5 (60 and older), \$8 (59 and younger) \$8 (take-out meal, any age)
May 15: Orange chicken over brown rice, Asian vegetables, carrots, whole wheat roll, tropical fruit
May 17: Stuffed chicken with cheese sauce, roasted potatoes, peas and carrots, whole wheat roll, applesauce
May 20: Breaded chicken with country gravy, scalloped potatoes, green beans, Baci roll, banana
May 22: Sausage Alfredo spaghetti, snap peas, mixed vegetables, Baci roll, pears

Rimrock Senior Center

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May 16: Lasagna, salad, coleslaw, roll, bananas and oranges
May 21: Chicken noodle casserole, green beans, carrot and raisin salad, roll
May 23: Roast beef, broccoli and cheese, roll, fruit salad

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Ladies coffee group
9 a.m., Homedale Senior Center, 224 W. Idaho Ave., Homedale. (208) 337-3020
Food distribution
9 a.m. to 1 p.m., for Marsing residents only. The HUB food pantry, 205 8th Ave. W., Marsing. (208) 649-5411
Bingo
10:30 a.m., Homedale Senior Center, 224 W. Idaho Ave., Homedale. (208) 337-3020
Story Time
10:30 a.m., to 11:30 a.m., Lizard Butte Public Library, 111 S. 3rd St. W., Marsing. (208) 896-4690
Labor Dept. bilingual employment services
Noon to 4 p.m., Gypsy Jackson Memorial Library, 121 W. Owyhee Ave., Homedale. (208) 364-7781 or canyoncountymail@labor.idaho.gov for appointment or information.

Thursday

Fit and Fall class
10 a.m., free, Melba Valley Senior Center, 115 Base Line Rd, Melba. (208) 495-2168
Fit and Fall exercise
10 a.m., Homedale Senior Center, 224 W. Idaho Ave., Homedale. (208) 337-3020
Fit and Fall Proof exercise class
10 a.m., to 11 a.m., free, old Marsing High School gymnasium, 800 Main St., Marsing. (208) 296-0847
After School Bible Club
4 p.m., to 5 p.m., ages 5-11, Eastern Owyhee County Library, 520 Boise Ave., Grand View. (208) 585-7694 or (208) 599-2790
Teens and Tweens
5 p.m., to 6 p.m., Homedale Community Center, 125 W. Owyhee Ave., Homedale.
READY! for Kindergarten workshop
5:30 p.m., for parents/caregivers of children ages 2-5, ‘Social and emotional,’ Homedale Elementary School, 420 W. Washington Ave., Homedale. Presented by Idaho Association for the Education of Young Children (IDAEYC). Childcare available. Registration: www.idahoaeyc.org/ready

Friday

Alcoholics Anonymous
7 p.m., Sandbar Community Room, City Hall, 18 Sandbar Ave., Marsing. (208) 860-9674
Mobile Food Pantry
7:30 a.m., to 10 a.m., First Presbyterian Church, 320 N. 6th St., Homedale. (208) 473-9331

Saturday

Food bank distribution
9 a.m., to 10 p.m., Knight Community Church, 630 Idaho St., Grand View.
U of I Flavorful Flatbreads
9:30 a.m., to noon, \$25 per person/\$40 for two, Owyhee County Extension Office, 238 8th Ave. W., Marsing. Registration: bit.ly/24FlavorfulFatbreads. Information: (208) 896-4104
Homedale Senior Center thrift store
10 a.m. to 2 p.m., Homedale Senior Center, 224 W. Idaho Ave., Homedale. (208) 337-3020
Book sale
10 a.m., to 2 p.m., Gypsy Jackson Memorial Library, 121 W. Owyhee Ave., Homedale. (208) 337-4228
Jordan Valley Big Loop Parade
11 a.m. line up: Methodist Church parking lot, 409 Blackaby St., Jordan Valley.
Snake River Country Market
11 a.m., to 3 p.m., ‘Mini Makers’, London Park,

Main Street and 4th Avenue West, Marsing. Information: SnakeRiverCountryMarket@gmail.com
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Monday

Board of County Commissioners meeting
9 a.m., Owyhee County Courthouse, 20381 State Hwy. 78, Murphy. (208) 495-2421
Opal Nash Story Time
10 a.m., ‘Steve Melknap reading’, Gypsy Jackson Memorial Library, 121 W. Owyhee Ave., Homedale. (208) 337-4228
After school program
4:30 p.m., to 5:30 p.m., ‘End of School Year Party’, Gypsy Jackson Memorial Library, 121 W. Owyhee Ave., Homedale. (208) 337-4228
Creative writing group
5 p.m., Lizard Butte Library community room, 111 S. 3rd Ave. W., Marsing.

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Region III assistance assessments
Noon to 3 p.m., appointments necessary, Lizard Butte Library, 111 3rd Ave. W., Marsing. (208) 495-5688
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Noon to 4 p.m., Gypsy Jackson Memorial Library, 121 W. Owyhee Ave., Homedale. (208) 364-7781 or canyoncountymail@labor.idaho.gov for appointment or information.

Thursday, May 23

Food bank drop off
12:30 p.m. to 2 p.m., (weather permitting; holidays could change date), Jordan Valley Lions Hall, 902 Bassett St. (U.S. Hwy. 95), Jordan Valley. (541) 889-9206 or (541) 586-2562
Fit and Fall class
10 a.m., free, Melba Valley Senior Center, 115 Base Line Rd, Melba. (208) 495-2168
Fit and Fall exercise
10 a.m., Homedale Senior Center, 224 W. Idaho Ave., Homedale. (208) 337-3020

Mowing height: The best route to a lush, green lawn

Mowing height is something that is often overlooked and mismanaged in the home landscape businesses and homeowner associations (HOAs) within the Treasure Valley and surrounding areas. Mowing height is critical in



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maintaining that lush, green and healthy lawn that most individuals strive for during the spring, summer (especially during the very hot “dog days”) and fall months during the year.

Cool-season grasses — the vast majority of our lawn grass types in this area — include Kentucky bluegrass, ryegrass and various fescue species. Generally speaking the ryegrass and fescue species have thinner blades and thrive in more shaded areas, while Kentucky bluegrass species tend to prefer full sun and have thicker blades. Regardless of the species of grass within the landscape, mowing height is best left at much higher levels than commonly thought. This is because grasses have an intercalary meristem (growing point) that is 0.5 to 0.75 of an inch above the soil profile. This meristem is where grass blades come from and where sunlight, water and nutrients are converted into vegetative growth through the process of photosynthesis.

The height of the grass

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itself, the blades, is directly correlated with the length of the root system as a whole in the soil profile. Thinking of lawns as ecological systems, if you leave the blades around that 4- to 5-inch length, the root system is below the soil level at minimum that deep, providing a solid foundation as well as a complex root structure to seek out vital macro- and micronutrients the grass needs for proper plant growth and development. It is important to think of not only the blades, but the root system for a healthy, lush and green lawn this year.

Lawn mismanagement often occurs because individuals mow their grass way too short in the Treasure Valley (less than 3 inches). Our lawns are not, in fact, golf course greens. That is an entirely different system with specialized soil structure, lots of sand and special grass species with very short intercalary meristems.

One of the best management tools for maintaining that perfect deep green lawn is you! A quick/easy adjustment is the lawnmower itself by raising the lawnmower blade height (whether it is a push mower, self-driven mower or riding mower). Raising the lawnmower blades to a minimum height of 3.75 to 4.25 inches above the soil profile is very advantageous when managing lawns, especially during the summer



Above: A healthy lawn with appropriate mowing height of about 4 inches. **Below:** An unhealthy lawn with incorrect mowing height of about 1.5 inches. These houses are next to each other in Caldwell and contain the same type of soil, weed seed bank and similar irrigation regimes. Photos by Brad Stokes / UI Extension



months. It provides numerous benefits to the lawn ecosystem including: deeper roots (for drought tolerance), longer blades (acquire sugars/carbohydrates and reduce transpiration), outcompeting weed species (believe it or not a healthy, long and lush green lawn outcompetes most of our weed species), softer area for walking/playing (for

those with grandchildren) and overall health of the soil/lawn system.

It would be recommended this spring to as soon as possible raise those lawnmower blades (minimally to 3.75 inches), let the grass grow tall (and deep — remember the root system), fertilize and irrigate appropriately to obtain that perfect lawn.

If you have any questions feel free to reach out to me.

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Courthouse report

A list of felony and misdemeanor dispositions recently completed at courtrooms in Murphy and Homedale. Infractions are not included:

May 6

Kirk Leslie Petzoldt, Sparks, Nev. — Misdemeanor commercial freight regulations, general logbook violation: \$43.50 in fines, \$160.50 in court costs

Muhammad Umar, New Oxford, Penn. — Misdemeanor motor carrier violation, fail to stop at checking station or submit to inspection, grading or weighting: \$118.50 in fines, \$160.50 in court costs

May 2

Nathaniel D. Wibberg, Melba — Misdemeanor trespassing on cultivated property (plea deal): 180 days in jail (170 days suspended; 5 days of sheriff’s inmate labor detail in Ada or Canyon County to satisfy remaining 10 days), 2 years unsupervised probation, \$300 in fines, \$337.50 in court costs. **Dismissed by prosecuting attorney:** Misdemeanor malicious injury to property

May 1

Kaely R. Abbott, Homedale — Misdemeanor malicious injury to property (plea deal): 30 days in jail

(4 days or 30 hours of community service to serve; 26 days suspended), 12 months unsupervised probation, \$300 in fines, \$337.50 in court costs. **Dismissed by prosecuting attorney:** Misdemeanor petit theft

Richard Howard Borg, Boise — Misdemeanor driver in possession or consuming open alcoholic beverage container: \$70 in fines, \$187.50 in court costs

Kaleb Christopher Henry, Middleton — Misdemeanor drug paraphernalia possession (plea deal): \$250 in fines, \$197.50 in court costs. **Dismissed by prosecuting attorney:** Misdemeanor marijuana possession

Ashley Jean Hulse, Star — Misdemeanor drug paraphernalia possession (plea deal): \$250 in fines, \$197.50 in court costs. **Dismissed by prosecuting attorney:** Misdemeanor marijuana possession

Natalia Redburn, Adrian, Ore. — Misdemeanor drug paraphernalia possession (plea deal): \$250 in fines, \$347.50 in court costs. **Dismissed by prosecuting attorney:** Misdemeanor marijuana possession

Juan Emanuel Torrez, Wilder — Misdemeanor drug paraphernalia possession: 1 day in jail (suspended), 6 months unsupervised probation, \$300 in fines, \$197.50 in court costs



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Obituary

Cheryl Lynn Maund

It is with deep sadness we share our beloved mother, grandmother and great-grandmother Cheryl Lynn Maund passed away peacefully on Friday, May 3, 2024 surrounded by her loving family. She was born on July 10, 1941, in Springfield, IL to June and Frank Pavlock.

She met the love of her life John “Johnny” Maund, whom she married in 1980. The two were inseparable until his passing in April 2003.

Throughout her life, Cheryl touched the lives of many with her warmth, generosity, and infectious laughter. She had a passion for Christmas Santas, Floral arrangements, jewelry, Angel perfume, and her dogs. She cherished spending time with her family and friends.

Cheryl was a beloved partner, mother, grandmother, great grandmother, and friend. She will be deeply missed by all who knew her. She can best be described by three words: Family, Friends, and Fun.

Cheryl’s journey touched the lives of many, leaving behind cherished memories. She was preceded in death by her parents, brothers Jerry and Robbie, her husband Johnny,



and grandson Barry. She is survived by her loving partner Dennis Zattiero; her children Gary, Scott (Julie); Dorothy (Lonnie), and Paul (Jen), her grandchildren, and great-grandchildren.

Services to be held on Friday, May 31, 2024, at Marsing-Homedale Cemetery at 11 am, 4410 Cemetery Road, Marsing, ID. A memorial service to celebrate Cheryl’s life will be held immediately following at Homedale Community Center, 125 W Owyhee Ave, Homedale, ID.

Cheryl will be dearly missed but forever remembered for the love and light she brought into our lives.

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✓ Decisions: BGV school levy on ballot

recent memory.

Each county elected position is being contested, and 10 of 12 central committee seats will be decided.

The polls are open from 8 a.m., to 8 p.m., on Tuesday at precinct locations throughout the county. There are three mail-in ballot precincts, too, including Riddle, Pleasant Valley, and Three Creek.

People voting by absentee — either in the mail-in precincts or by mail from other areas — have until 8 p.m., on Tuesday to get their completed ballots to the Owyhee County Courthouse in Murphy. People who didn’t mail their ballots can drop them off at the courthouse.

Voter registration can be completed at the polls, too, as long as a citizen has his or her ID and other proof of residence in the precinct in which they plan to vote.

Tuesday’s Owyhee County election, though a partisan primary, will decide who will serve as sheriff, prosecuting attorney, and District 3 commissioner for the next four years, and District 1 commissioner for the next two.

Additionally, voters in the Bruneau-Grand View School District will be asked to decide on a proposed two-year, \$1.3 million supplemental levy.

According to ballot language, if the measure passes, property owners will pay an estimated average of \$212.50 per \$100,000 of taxable assessed value each year of the levy.

The district proposes a year-

ly allocation of \$474,509 for salaries and benefits, \$65,500 for technology services and equipment, \$94,992 for athletics funding (salaries and benefits, supplies and tournament expenses), and \$16,999 for ground maintenance and building care supplies.

Only Republicans are seeking county elected offices.

With no Democratic or third-party candidates running in other primaries Tuesday, whoever wins the Republican nomination will be sworn in to office in Murphy in January — barring a write-in campaign for the Nov. 7 general election.

The county ballot includes:

• **District 1 commissioner** — Marsing-area residents Lath Callaway and Walt Holton are hoping to succeed longtime Commissioner Jerry Hoagland of Wilson, who is retiring.

• **District 3 commissioner** — Bruneau resident Cindy Bachman, who was appointed to the Board of County Commissioners by Gov. Brad Little last summer after Joe Merrick’s death, seeks her own four-year term against Michelle Spencer, who lives in the Marsing area.

• **Sheriff** — Larry Kendrick of Murphy, who was appointed by the Board of County Commissioners about after Perry Grant’s resignation, seeks to take the interim tag off in an election against former Owyhee County Sheriff’s Sgt. Tim Riha, who lives in Homedale.

• **Prosecuting attorney** — Another appointee, Chris Topmiller, is seeking to earn

an elected four-year term. Topmiller, who lives just north of Homedale across the Snake River in Canyon County, has said he is working to move his family into Owyhee County. Homedale High School graduate and Owyhee County resident Trenton McRae, a deputy prosecutor in Canyon County, is running against Topmiller.

There are two head-to-head campaigns in the District 23 Idaho House of Representatives Republican primary:

• **Seat A** — Incumbent Melissa Durrant of Kuna is looking for her second two-year term against Kuna City Councilman Chris Bruce, who sought a spot in the state Legislature in the last cycle.

• **Seat B** — Tina Lambert of Caldwell seeks a second term in the Statehouse against Guffey resident Shawn Dygert.

Dist. 23 state Sen. Todd Lakey (R-Nampa) is unopposed for the GOP nomination.

Unlike the county office candidates, the legislative hopefuls will have general election challenges, including two people from Homedale.

Paul Smith, whose mailing address is a Post Office box in Homedale according to the Idaho Secretary of State’s voteidaho.gov webpage, will challenge Lakey, and Democrat Paul Morgan of Kuna for the District 23 Senate seat.

Julissa Melendez Castellanos, who lives in downtown Homedale, will face Dygert or Lambert in November as the Democratic nominee.

Death notices

CHARLES WAYNE BAKER, 61, of Jordan Valley, died Tuesday, May 7, 2024 at home of natural causes. Arrangements: Flahiff Funeral Chapels, Caldwell. (208) 459-0833

AUGUSTINE DOMENICK “JACK” BUTTICI, 89, of Homedale and formerly of Emmett, died on Saturday, May 4, 2024. A viewing will be held from 5 p.m., to 7 p.m., on Friday, May 10, 2024 at Potter Funeral Chapel Services, 228 E. Main St., in Emmett. Services will be held at 11 a.m., on Saturday, May 11, 2024 at Potter Funeral Chapel.

JAMES EDWARD HULS, 86, of Homedale, died Tuesday, May 7, 2024, at his home. Arrangements: Flahiff Funeral Chapel, Homedale. (208) 459-0833

PETRA S. SOTO, 78, of Homedale, died Monday, May 6, 2024. Arrangements: Flahiff Funeral Chapels, Caldwell.

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Obituaries

Rudy Gingerich

For years the lights of Rudy Gingerich’s tractor could be seen on summer nights baling hay on his farm near Bruneau, Idaho. Rudy loved to bale at night, watching the stars in the dark sky, and the sun rising in the early morning. He baled tons of hay in his 71 years. But on May 6, 2024, Rudy Ray Gingerich left his tractor and hay fields behind. He passed quietly away at home, surrounded by the family he loved.

Rudy began life in Twin Falls, Idaho, a son in a farming family and the youngest of six children. He lived in Filer until his early teens when his family moved to the farm near Bruneau. It was a beautiful spot with a view of the Snake River.

Growing up on the farm, Rudy helped his dad and rough-housed with his brothers. One winter when Rudy was older, he traveled with his parents to Brazil. It was a wonderful experience, and his lifelong love of traveling was born. Rudy continued his education

at Western Mennonite High School in Salem, Oregon making many friends, including his future wife.

After graduation from Western, Rudy attended Hesston College in Kansas, but he was never away from the farm for long. Rudy loved the adventure and freedom of riding motorcycles both on the farm and on trips experiencing different parts of the world. On one ride, an accident left him with a brief bout of amnesia. Though he couldn’t remember much, he did repeatedly mention the name of a girl he knew at Western, Colleen Martin.

Rudy wrote Colleen a letter, and a short time later they were married on September 23, 1978 in Edmonton, AB, Canada. Their love story lasted almost forty-six years until his passing. His marriage to Colleen and welcoming his two children, Maureen in 1983 and Dylan in 1986, were high points in Rudy’s life.

His career in farming took off when Rudy formed a partnership



with his older brother, Verlin. He was always proud of their farm partnership and how well they worked together. For over fifty years Rudy and Verlin raised cattle and crops of hay, beans, mint, wheat, and corn. In 1988 the Gingerich brothers added substantially to their property holdings with the purchase of the River Ranch which later became Rudy and Colleen’s home.

Despite being a busy farmer, Rudy had several hobbies

and interests. These included traveling, photography, skiing, scuba diving, motorcycle touring, beekeeping, and wine-making. He liked to grow things and built a vineyard which produced award-winning wine. He was a man of many talents and spoke both German and Spanish.

Rudy was also a good friend and neighbor. He took time with people and was genuinely interested in what they had to say. He was an optimist and rarely showed anger or frustration. In the broader community, Rudy served as a Bruneau Fire Commissioner and on the Farm Bureau board. He was most relaxed, though, with his family and siblings. He liked to laugh. He enjoyed sitting and reading or listening to old rock music. Rudy’s presence and his bright, positive spirit will be greatly missed by his family.

Rudy leaves behind his wife, Colleen; his daughter, Maureen Gingerich and granddaughter Nora Gingerich Bergey; his

son Dylan Gingerich and his wife Tricia and grandsons Cooper and Miles Gingerich; his siblings, Kermit Gingerich (Vernabelle) from Hesston, Kansas; Verlin Gingerich (Ella) from Mountain Home, Idaho; Donell Gingerich (Francis) from Nampa, Idaho; Dolores Brubaker (Ervin) from Pocatello, Idaho; and Mary Beth King (Loren) from Wake Forest, North Carolina — as well as many beloved nieces and nephews.

The Gingerich family invites friends to a celebration of Rudy’s life at the Elks Lodge in Mountain Home on Friday, May 31 at 4:00 p.m. After a brief commemorative service, light refreshments and a time of informal gathering will follow from 4:30-7:00 p.m.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the Bruneau Fire Protection District, P.O. Box 243, Bruneau, ID 83604 or World Central Kitchen (<https://wck.org>). Arrangements are under the care of the Cremation Society of Idaho.

Sally Jane Turner (Phillips)

It is with great sadness that the family of Sally Turner announces her passing. Sally lived a full and vibrant life touching many lives.

Sally Jane Turner (Phillips), age 85, passed on May 1, 2024 in Caldwell, ID.

She was born on June 29, 1938 in Wellington, CO daughter to Claude Potts and Chrystal Richardson. Granddaughter of Valla and Frances Richardson (Jack Phillips). Sally was raised by Chrystal and Jim Phillips in Homedale, ID.

Sally married Maurice Turner in Winnemucca, NV on May 19, 1956.

While growing up primarily in Homedale, as an only child, Sally was an inquisitive, busy young girl who was always looking to try new things, learn new things, and meet new people. She loved to spend most of her time with Billy Phillips looking for ways to get into mischief. Sally attended school in Homedale. One day after high-school graduation, at the



age of 17, Maurice and Sally drove to Winnemucca to get married and begin their life as husband and wife. They began their marriage in Washington, eventually, landing in San Diego, CA where they raised four daughters.

Sally stayed busy at home raising her girls until the youngest started school, and then launched her career in Cosmetology and went on to own both her own salon, and beauty supply store for many years until retirement.

Sally was a woman of all trades, and an entrepreneur. She was an artist that loved to sew, crochet, knit, cook, cake decorating, and quilt, just to mention a few. But being the best Nana, was her #1 joy. After, 40 years in San Diego, Maurice and Sally retired to their hometown of Homedale, where she enjoyed reconnecting with her group of childhood friends, including Sylvia, Darlene, Helen, Sharon, and Linda.

Sally is survived by her beloved husband Maurice Turner of Homedale, sister-in-law (Donna Sewell) and brother-in-law (Dwayne Turner), with multiple nephews and nieces. Surviving daughters Dana McQuien (Tony), and Julie Turner-Harvey (Oliver-deceased). 14 grandchildren, 16 great-grandchildren, 1 great-great-grandson.

Services will be held at a future date. Memories and condolences can be shared at www.flahifffuneralchapel.com.

Service notice

JACQUELINE LEAH McKEE BENSON, 78, of Murphy/Reynolds Creek, died on Friday, April 12, 2024. A celebration of life and potluck will be held 1 p.m., on Saturday, May 18, 2024 at the Owyhee County Historical Museum, 17085 Basey St., Murphy. Arrangements: Flahiff Funeral Chapel, Caldwell

Thank You

The family of Rick Shanley wishes to express our deepest gratitude to all the good folks who helped make his “Celebration of Life” and dinner possible. Special thanks to Casey Grove and his kids at the high school for setting up and to Casey for his technical expertise with our video. The Homedale Fire Department was there in force to help at the Community Center with setup and takedown - THANK YOU ALL!! Thanks to Ginger Loucks and her crew for the delicious meal. It was a marvelous “send-off” befitting our beloved husband, father , grandfather and great-grandfather.



Thanks again,

Mil Shanley, Kurt and Nicole, Nick and Jessica
Kyle and Vanessa, Erika and Blake, Sydnee and Kendall,
Trent and Ari
Kinley, Reed, Devin, Sloan, Oaklee, Kaiden, Ireland and Myles

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repeat try falls short

WEDNESDAY, MAY 15, 2024

Rimrock record-breakers run into final state meet

Lemus lays claim to two district titles

Three school records propelled Rimrock High School's top distance runners into the 1A state meet.

Loyd Boren broke two of his own school records, and fellow senior Goya Lemus won two district championships and set the girls' 800 meters school record during the 1A District III track and field championships.

Lemus swept the longest girls' races at New Plymouth High School and qualified for the state meet in three events.

Lemus ran her fastest 1,600 meters of the season (5:53.36) to win the district gold, and she was first in the 3,200 in 12:53.36.

She took fourth in the 800 in a school-record turn of 2:28.32.

The top four finishers in individual events received passage to the state meet, which will be held Friday and Saturday at Middleton High School.

— See *Rimrock*, page 14A

ANOTHER DISTRICT DOUBLE-UP

Trojans stack up 10th consecutive championship

Four-game win streak on line in State opener

Homedale High School's softball dominance entered a new decade last Wednesday.

The Trojans walloped Weiser, 11-1, to win Homedale's 10th consecutive

— See *Trojans*, page 14A



Players show off Homedale High School's latest 3A District III championship plaque after last Wednesday's home-field triumph. Photo by Chardee VanDerhoff / CV Photography

District III golf

Frosh carries Raiders' hopes at State

McNeley 3rd during play in Mountain Home

Dylan McNeley beat the conditions and the odds to earn a spot in the 1A/2A golf state tournament.

— See *Raiders*, page 13A

Consistent HHS boys corral another crown

Junior Henry shares district medal



With his cap askew, Homedale High School right-handed ace Dillon Fine watches a Weiser batter swing through a pitch during the May 6 3A District III semifinal no-hitter he and his brother Payton threw. For more on the Trojans' second consecutive championship, see *Page 13A*

District championships have become a habit for Homedale High School golfers.

The boys edged Fruitland by one stroke to capture the program's third consecutive 3A District III title at Eagle Hills Golf Course in Eagle on May 6.

Junior Luke Henry became the third Trojans athlete to win an individual championship in the past four years. He carded a 9-over-par 81 to share district medalist honors with Fruitland's Rylan Pierce.

Tyler Erickson's third-place 84 helped Homedale outpace the Grizzlies even as McCoy Swallow was disqualified after shooting his own 84.

Better consistency from the Trojans and Erickson's second-best score on the

— See *Golf*, page 14A

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Sports

Girls' relay record falls as 16 Trojans reach state meet

HHS athletes win five district event titles

Sixteen Homedale High School athletes will compete in the 3A track and field state championships beginning Friday at Middleton High School.

The HHS girls' 4x100-meter relay team shattered the school record for the second time in as many weeks, and the Trojans finished third overall in the 3A District III meet, which was held Thursday and Friday at Deward Bell Stadium.

Four championships led to six 3A state meet automatic qualifiers for the girls' team.

Three-time qualifiers Morgan Nicoletti, a sophomore, and senior Carlie Moore were two-time champions.

They joined seniors Ahna Shaffer and Kinlee Garrett to complete the race in 50.01 seconds, which bettered by .07 of a second the mark set May 3 at the Lynn Behrman Invitational.

Garrett qualified in four events, the most of any HHS athlete.

Nicoletti won the pole vault after clearing 10 feet, and Moore won the 300-meter hurdles with a personal-record time of 46.31 seconds.

Taylor Trout pulled off a personal-best throw of 34 feet, 8 inches to win the



Homedale freshman Brody Johnson (center) clears a hurdle in his 110-meter championship run. Photo by Joshua Gray / GrayHawk Photography

girls' shot put championship Thursday. Trout also won championships on April 12 at the Dave Mangum Invitational and April 16 at the 3A Snake River Valley conference meet.

Ten Homedale boys will compete in the state meet after the Trojans finished fourth in the team standings.

Senior Brock Johnson, junior Rafael Cuenca and sophomore Kade Hall will compete in three events in Middleton.

Freshman Brody Johnson won the 110-meter hurdles championship, crossing the line at 16.6 seconds.

Hall, the older Johnson, and seniors Danny Lomeli and Izmael Ortiz were runners-up in the 4x100 relay (44.04).

Alec Campos joined Hall, Cuenca and Brock Johnson to qualify for State with a runner-up time of 1 minute, 31.22 seconds in the 4x200 relay.

Junior Alex Sotelo and freshman Brody Johnson will compete in the 300 hurdles after Sotelo took third in 42.84 and Johnson was fourth in 43.28.

Hall ran a personal-record time of 23.32 for fourth in the 200, and claimed the final spot in the state meet.

Cuenca also PR'd in the 400 to finish fourth in 52.03 to move into the final meet of the season.

Christensen ran a PR of 2:04.86 for a state-qualifying fourth-place finish in the 800.

On Thursday, senior pole vaulter Conner McCarney punched his ticket to the state meet with a fourth-place height of 12-6.

The girls' most prolific qualifier, Garrett, was runner-up in the 100 hurdles (16.08). She took fourth in the 300 hurdles (48.71) and the long jump (14-10) to secure the final automatic District III berths in each event.

Nicoletti also qualified with her third-place time of 48.54 in the 300 hurdles.

Moore's PR of 16-10 was good for second and a berth in the long jump.

Shaffer qualified for the state meet as a sprinter when she finished runner-up in the 100 at 12.94.

Mylisa Barrett captured the final automatic berth out of triple jump with a 31-6 distance in the girls' triple jump.

Junior Angel Nolasco ran to a PR of 12.36 to win the junior varsity boys' 100 championship. He also won the long jump with an 18-7 mark.

Three other Trojans captured individual gold medals as the Trojans JV won the district championship.

Sophomore Grady Walgamott PR'd in the 200 with a win in 25.79.

Another 10th-grader, Tyler Isham, won the 800 and 1,600 with PRs of 2:18.19 and 5:21.69, respectively.

Homedale Trojans Athletes of the Week



Baseball
Dillon Fine, sr., P
2 wins, 2 hits allowed in district tournament



Baseball
Payton Fine, sr., P
Combined with twin on no-hitter; allowed no hits in 4 IP



Softball
Zayne Hall, sr., LF
3-7 (.429), 2 runs, 7 RBI, HR in district tourney



Track and field
Tayler Trout, jr., shot put
District champion with PR



Golf
Luke Henry, jr.
Shared 3A District III medal; boys won title



Tennis
Trinity Neeser, sr.
One of 4 seniors on team this season

THIS WEEK'S SPRING SPORTS SCHEDULE

Baseball- Varsity 3A state tournament (Elmore W. Vail Field, NNU, or Columbia H.S., Nampa)
Thursday, May 16 vs. Parma, 6:30 p.m.
If win Thursday: Friday, May 17 vs. Kimberly or Marsh Valley, 6:30 p.m.
If lose Thursday: Friday, May 17 vs. Kimberly or Marsh Valley, 1:30 p.m.
If win Thursday and Friday: Saturday, May 18, championship game, 3 p.m.
If win Thursday and lose Friday: Saturday, May 18, third-place game, 12:30 p.m.

If lose Thursday and win Friday: Saturday, May 18, consolation final, 10 a.m.

Track and field
3A state championship meet (At Middleton H.S.)
Friday, May 17, field events at 9 a.m., track preliminaries at 9:30 a.m.
Saturday, May 18, field events at 9 a.m., track finals, 12:30 p.m., finals

Softball - Varsity 3A state tournament (Community Fields, Moscow)
Thursday, May 16 vs. Teton, 3 p.m.
If win Thursday: Friday, May 17 vs. Gooding or Weiser, 11:15 a.m.
If lose Thursday: Friday, May 17 vs. Gooding or Weiser, 9 a.m.
If win Thursday and Friday: Saturday, May 18, winners' bracket final, 3:45 p.m.

If win first three games: Saturday, May 18, championship game, 11:15 a.m.
If win Thursday and lose Friday: Friday, May 17, consolation semifinal, 1:30 p.m.
If lose Thursday, lose Friday and win consolation semi: Consolation final, 3:45 p.m.

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Tennis - Season complete



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Sports

Marsing baseball’s offense, season fade away

Marsing High School’s fiery attempt to repeat as 2A District III baseball champion and their season flamed out last week.

The third-seeded Huskies’ season ended in the second-place game Saturday at Nampa Christian High School as No. 2 seed Cole Valley Christian’s Luke Colson threw a no-hitter.

The Chargers qualified for the 2A state tournament with a 4-0 victory.

For the Huskies (13-12), Saturday’s loss marked a sputtering end to an all-out assault on the district bracket.

“It’s unfortunate we don’t have a chance at State, as I felt all year, the best three teams in the state were in our conference,” Huskies coach JW Chadez said. “But this will make us stronger as we look to continue to build for the future.

“Even though there’s disappointment, there wasn’t one ounce of quit in my team. Their grit and grind showed in the last three weeks of the season, and as their coach

I couldn’t have asked for more.”

Chadez’s squad played top-seeded Nampa Christian scoreless for seven innings Friday on the Trojans’ home field in the second district title showdown in as many seasons between the two squads.

The Trojans exacted revenge for last year’s district final loss when Jack Ihli scored an unearned run with one out in the eighth inning, pinning a gut-wrenching 1-0 loss on Marsing junior Teagan Kinney.

“I’m extremely proud how we finished the season. To make it to back-to-back championship games in our league is quite an accomplishment,” Chadez said. “We gave everything we had to win the district championship and had several opportunities to win the game.

“Unfortunately, it just doesn’t always go your way. It was an outstanding pitched and defensively played game.”

After Huskies’ pitchers shut out four straight opponents, pitched 20 consecutive scoreless innings and beat Cole

Valley, 4-2, in the first round of the district tournament, Marsing’s offense was unable to score over the final 19 innings of the season.

Saturday: No. 2 Cole Valley Christian 4, No. 3 Marsing 0 — Levi Puga surrendered the only earned run in the Huskies’ loss in the tournament’s second-place game. The Chargers took advantage of five walks while Puga only allowed one hit in two innings.

“I knew it would be extremely hard to bounce back and beat Cole Valley for the second time in a week,” Chadez said. “We just didn’t have that same spark that we needed.

“We still played well, but versus a great team, we just couldn’t get our swagger going.”

Marsing committed two errors, leading to unearned runs against Jace Chadez for the rest of the Chargers’ scoring.

Another junior, Luke Steinmeyer allowed one hit in two innings pitched.

Marsing had five base runners as Puga, Teagan Kinney,

freshman Heston McIntyre, and 11th-grader Dresden Wood all drew walks. Colson hit Steinmeyer with a pitch.

Colson and fellow Cole Valley senior Noah Grimm smacked doubles. Grimm scored twice.

Friday: No. 1 Nampa Christian 1, No. 3 Marsing 0 (8) — In a game for the ages, last year’s 2A state tournament runner-up finally solved Kinney in the extra frame.

The reigning 2A Western Idaho Conference player of the year struck out nine batters while working around four singles and five walks.

Juniors Brayden Schaefer and Kaden Mullins held Marsing in check throughout the contest. The Huskies left 11 runners on base.

Kinney tripled, Puga doubled, and Wyatt Barber laced a single as only the three batters at the top of the Huskies’ lineup managed hits. Puga was hit by a pitch, and Chadez and Steinmeyer drew walks for Marsing’s only other base runners.

Huskies win district crowns

Sydney Nelson and Nate Delaney won 2A District III championships to qualify for this week’s 2A track and field state championships.

A senior, Delaney will end his Marsing High School career by competing in the shot put, and he’ll also take a shot at the discus Friday at Middleton High School.

He won the district title with a heave of 49 feet, 11½ inches at New Plymouth High School.

A junior, Nelson captured the girls’ 400 meters district crown in 1 minute, 2.39 seconds.

Freshman Bethany Steinmeyer qualified for State as a long-jumper after taking third with a jump of 15-9½.

Delaney is a two-time state qualifier after taking third place on throws in the discus.

Fellow senior Diego Margarito is in the state meet after a runner-up effort of 125-11 in the discus.

Huskies senior breaks 100

Marsing High School’s golf season came to a close early last week in Mountain Home.

Xavier Linker was the only Huskies boys’ team member to break 100 in the 18-hole 2A District III Tournament on May 6.

The senior fired a 99 at Desert Canyon Golf Course.

Rounding out Marsing’s golfers were Austin Nielson and Ian Gibson, both of whom carded a 131, Eli Ankeny (133), and Oliver Anderson (144). The Huskies finished at 494 as a team.

MARSING HUSKIES

ATHLETES OF THE WEEK

Baseball
Levi Puga, jr., OF/P
1-3, 2B vs. NC; on base twice vs. CVC

Softball
Jaci Montgomery, sr., RF/2B
3 runs scored in 3 district tournament games

Track and field
Sydney Nelson, jr., girls' 400
2A District III champion

Track and field
Nate Delaney, sr., boys' shot put
2A District III champion

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Sports

(T)winning Fine brothers lock down foes; younger sibling clinches district title

It's not exactly seeing double, but fraternal twins Dillon and Payton Fine helped Homedale High School double up on 3A District III baseball championships last Wednesday.

Two days after pitching a tandem no-hitter, the senior right-handers held Fruitland in check long enough for the Trojans' bats to catch up in the district tournament final at John Jackson Field.

The twin pitchers' younger brother, Carson Fine, snapped a tie in the bottom of the fifth as Homedale ran away with a 4-1 victory.

Lukas Hall drove a two-run double to deep left field later in the inning as the Trojans pulled away from their archrivals.

Homedale (21-4) nailed down the district crown for second year in a row and the fifth time since 2018.

The Trojans, ranked No. 1 over Sugar-Salem in the Max-Preps Class 3A state standings, beat the Grizzlies (17-6) for the sixth consecutive time.

Homedale and Fruitland begin the 3A state tournament on Thursday at Elmer W. Vail Field on the Northwest Nazarene University campus in Nampa. There is a possibility the tournament could switch to Columbia High School in Nampa if the Nighthawks reach the postseason.

Dillon Fine (11-0) reached 100 strikeouts for the third consecutive season, compiling 14 punch-outs in 6 2/3 innings against Fruitland. Payton Fine got the final out for the save, preserving his brother's two-hitter.

Homedale jumped ahead, 1-0, in the bottom of the fourth inning. Fruitland tied the game with an unearned run in the fifth.

Senior first baseman Andres Garcia was 2-for-3 for Homedale.

Center fielder Jayden Wutherich and right fielder Oklin Carson each singled and scored.

May 6: Homedale 9, Weiser 0 — The Fine twins broke through in the district semifinal at John Jackson Field with the stinginess they had flashed all season.

Dillon detonated the Wolverines' delusions over the first four innings.

As Weiser prepared to come to the plate in the top of the second, one prospective batter was heard saying, "He's not throwing that hard."

Yeah, he threw hard. And he threw smart.

Pumping fastballs across the plate and dropping in curveballs and off-speed stuff, Dillon manhandled Wolverines batters in the game's first four innings.

The University of Utah commit struck out eight of the 14 batters he faced, including putting down the side in the second inning on three strikeouts and 11 pitches.

Payton finished the job with three strikeouts over the final three innings.

Dillon showed off another type of speed, leading off the bottom of the first with a bunt single then stealing second base before scoring the game's first run on Wutherich's two-out line-drive base hit through shortstop.

Hall blasted a ball over the head of Weiser's right fielder to bring in Wutherich, and the sophomore scored when Garcia's Baltimore chop caused Weiser's catcher to force a throw down the right-field line for a three-base throwing error.

Hall's run-scoring hit was the first of two doubles for the Trojans' starting catcher. He went 3-for-4 with three RBI.

Even Homedale's outs sounded dangerous in the first inning. The Trojans' threat ended only because Weiser's second baseman leapt to snare a loud, fast line drive off Carson's bat for the third out.

Dillon Fine drilled a triple and scored three runs. He was 3-for-3 and reached base four times.

Payton Fine went 2-for-4 with an RBI.

✓ Raiders: School gets first state qualifier in second year of program

From Page 10A

Competing against athletes from larger schools and more-established programs, the Rimrock High School freshman put together a third-place finish at Desert Canyon Golf Course in Mountain Home on May 6.

McNeley fired a 7-over-par 79 on May 6 and qualified for the state tournament, which was held Monday and Tuesday after press time at Circling Raven Golf Club in Worley.

"He's been doing great all season," Raiders second-year coach TJ Gomez said on May 7. "Yesterday was a tough day for golf, so I'm pretty proud of him."

Gomez said McNeley rallied from a subpar start and closed the 18-hole tournament with a birdie to finish five shots off the individual championship pace set by Hunter Sutton. Sutton fired a 2-over 74 for district champion Compass Charter, a Class 2A squad.

McNeley was the first non-Compass Charter golfer in the individual standings. The Aviators' Cole Fay posted a 77 for the runner-up spot.

"I think he was a little edgy and nervous at the beginning, which is understandable," Gomez said of his young golfer. "But he got stronger as the day went on."

Gomez said the son of Scott and Kellie McNeley has been "in the top 3, 4, 5 golfers of the entire (Western Idaho Confer-

Rimrock High School freshman Dylan McNeley sends a drive down the fairway during last week's 1A/2A District III Tournament on his home course in Mountain Home. Photo by Kellie McNeley

ence) all year."

The early butterflies were to be expected, the Mountain Home coach (in the fall) and Desert Canyon golf pro said.

"Sometimes in golf, it's a little easier to be anonymous," Gomez said. "(But) now, you're in front of your home crowd and on your home course, and he's Dylan McNeley. He's supposed to perform, right? He's supposed to be in his back yard."

McNeley didn't let the pressure get to him, though. Gomez said that's probably because he's as talented as casual home fans would expect.

"The kid's good, so when we go to events, there's an expectation he's going to be in the Top 10," Gomez said.

Last week, he was top three in a boys' tournament that featured 54 golfers from 10 schools from around South-

west Idaho. And among the smaller programs on that 1A/2A spectrum, Rimrock's golfers have the least amount of experience.

"Anytime you're breaking 80 as a junior golfer, I don't care where you're playing or what you're doing, you're golfing your ball, absolutely," Gomez said.

"I don't care if it's 1A, 5A, 20A or Zero-A, it doesn't matter. If a kid goes out today with you and I, and he breaks 80 and we're playing for five bucks, that kid's playing pretty good."

McNeley was joined on the course by four Rimrock boys' teammates: Hays Black shot a 112, and Crew Merrick came in at 116. Other Raiders included Adam Meyers (131) and Eli Boren (142). — JPB

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Sports

NC halts Huskies’ season

Marsing High School’s attempt to storm the 2A District III softball bracket fell short Saturday.

The fourth-seeded Huskies had to keep winning at Caldwell’s GALS complex to keep their season alive.

Marsing (9-16-2 overall) filled the first half of the assignment with a narrow win over No. 4 Melba on Friday, but third-seeded Nampa Christian proved too much.

Saturday: No. 3 Nampa Christian 5, Marsing 0 — Peyton Shook’s 19 strikeouts and the Huskies two errors made the difference in a loser-out game.

The Trojans broke the game open with three runs in the second inning, taking a 4-0 lead.

Shook limited Marsing on four hits, and she didn’t allow any other base runners.

Marsing’s Brooklyn Roadenbaugh struck out 11 batters and scattered four hits, but she issued eight walks and gave up four unearned runs after the Huskies’ two errors.

Sophomore Bailey Daugherty was 2-for-3 with a double for half of the Huskies’ offense. Juniors Lily Thoene and Kylie Goostery registered singles.

Friday: No. 5 Marsing 6, No. 4 Melba 5 — The Huskies scored three times in the top of the seventh inning in Caldwell to

stave off elimination.

The Mustangs posted two runs in the bottom of the fifth to snap a 3-3 deadlock.

Sophomore Bailey Daugherty had a huge day, going 3-for-4 with three RBI and two doubles. She also scored a run.

Junior Taylor Callison scored three runs from the top of the batting order, going 3-for-4 with an RBI and a double.

Goostrey was 2-for-4 with an RBI.

Roadenbaugh recorded 10 strikeouts and surrendered seven hits and two walks. Three of Melba’s five runs were earned. Marsing survived four errors.

Last Wednesday: No. 1 Cole Valley Christian 17, No. 5 Marsing 1 (5) — Lily Thoene’s double brought home Jaci Montgomery with the Huskies’ only run in their district opener.

The Chargers took advantage of five errors to build a 17-0 lead before Marsing broke through in the top of the fifth inning at Heritage Middle School in Meridian.

Montgomery had reached base with a walk.

Brooklyn Roadenbaugh posted nine strikeouts in the four innings, but she walked nine batters and gave up 10 earned runs.

The Chargers walloped No. 2 New Plymouth, 12-2, for the district title Saturday.

Owyhee champions lead Mustangs into 2A state

Owyhee County athletes played a part in three Melba High School event championships at the 2A District III track and field meet.

Senior Brooklyn Dayley and sophomore Hayden Higgins helped the Mustangs to a runner-up showing in the girls’ meet at New Plymouth High School.

The meet was held Friday and Saturday. The Melba girls finished second to Nampa Christian in the team standings, and the Mustangs boys’ squad was third.

Junior Carsten Volkers led the Melba boys’ effort by sweeping the hurdles championships. Senior Raivio Manzer won the 1,600-meter title.

Dayley won the 300-meter hurdles in 47.08 seconds.

She and Higgins served on a pair of championship relay teams moving on to the 2A state meet in Middleton on Friday and Saturday.

Dayley, fellow senior Ella Stosich, Higgins and freshman Reese Harp won the 4x200 relay in 1 minute, 48.28 seconds.

Stosich, senior Emma Dillbeck, Higgins and Dayley won the sprint medley relay race in 1:51.05.

Sophomore Nyah Richardson and Dillbeck shared the high jump district title after both cleared the bar at 4 feet, 10 inches.

Higgins will compete in four events at the state meet. She was runner-up the 100 meters with a personal-record 12.94 and also took second in the 200 at 27.11.

Senior Eliza Svedin PR’d in the 400 to qualify for State with a third-place time of 1:05.25. She also reached the state meet as the 3,200 runner-up mark (13:16.52).

Stosich finished second in the pole vault at 9-0, and shot-putter Gracie Clark, another senior, is heading to the Middleton after her third-place throw of 29-8.

Volkers’ dominance in the boys’ hurdles included a season-best time of 15.79 at the 110-meter distance. He won the 300 with a personal-record 40.2.

Manzer also ran his fastest 1,600 of the season to win in 4:31.22.

From page 10A

✓ Trojans: Talented bunch of seniors goes in search of crown in Moscow

3A District III championship.

Senior first baseman Zayne Hall homered and drove in five runs at the Homedale Middle School complex as the home team shut down the game after five innings because of the 10-run rule.

Top-seeded Homedale (16-5) and No. 2 Weiser (14-8) return to action Thursday when the 3A state tournament starts in Moscow. The Trojans have won four consecutive games.

Hall’s second homer of the season helped draw her into a tie for second place on the team’s RBI list. She and fellow senior Dani Sitts have 33 RBI each.

Olivia Asumendi went 2-for-3 with two runs scored. The senior shortstop drove in two more to raise her team-leading RBI total to 38. She leads the team in nine doubles, too.

Sitts, the championship game’s winning pitcher, and Isana Larzelier each scored the first of their three runs on the day in the first inning. The Trojans built a 3-0 lead after one inning, and they blew the game open with five runs in the fourth.

Homedale held a 9-0 lead before Weiser broke through with its only run in the fifth inning.

Sitts gave up just the unearned run and tossed a three-hitter. She piled up 10 strikeouts and walked just two batters.

Lilly Trescott knocked in a pair of runs.

May 6: No. 1 Homedale 11, No. 4 McCall-Donnelly 0 (5) — Ellie Miller’s two-run triple ended the district semifinal via the 10-run rule with no outs in the bottom of the fifth inning at HMS.

The Trojans had an easy time with the Vandals, breaking through with four runs in the bottom of the second inning.

McCall starting pitcher Bella Potts was tagged with the game’s first four runs. She got only one out in the second inning as Homedale scored behind three walks from Potts and two hit batters by reliever Val Sofaly.

The Quezada sisters — Arlett and Stephanie — scored five runs, while Ciarah Barnett scored twice.

Sitts also scored twice at the top of the order as the Trojans parlayed a paltry three hits into 11 runs with the assistance of 12 walks, five hit batters and one Vandals error.

The top five hitters in coach Larry Corta’s lineup — Sitts, Larzelier, Olivia Asumendi, Hall, and Miller — logged two RBI each, and those three batters also had every HHS hit.

Right-handed pitcher Olivia Asumendi racked up 10 strikeouts on a two-hit shutout. She issued three walks.

✓ Rimrock: Soph, senior also earn spots at state meet

Another 12th-grade girl, Ashten Moore, will compete Friday and Saturday at Middleton High School in three events.

She was runner-up in the triple jump in 31 feet, 9½ inches, and she took second in the 400 at 1:04.57. Her third state meet qualification came with a third-place effort of 15-2¾ in the long jump.

Sophomore Morgan Field will compete in Friday’s discus final after taking fourth at the district meet with a throw of 131-8.

Just missing the cut for the state meet, sophomore Kolton Jewett ran to a time of 11:35.29 to finish fifth in the 3,200. He also PR’d in the 1,600 with his seventh-place showing of 5:08.65.

✓ Golf: Henry first district champ since ’21

course proved the difference.

Homedale finished first with a 369 as Kinley Balkovetz and Jackson Kerbs each carded 102s.

Fruitland finished at 370 despite all four scoring golfers breaking 100. Connor Fitzsimonds shot a 92, AJ Hyatt scored 98, and Tyler Ediger came in at 99.

Homedale’s season concluded at the 3A state tournament, which was held Monday and Tuesday after press time at Twin Lakes Golf Course in Rathdrum outside Coeur d’Alene.

Henry is the Trojans’ first individual district champion since Téa Uranga won the girls’ title in 2021. Danny Uranga in 2019 was the last district medalist for the HHS boys.

The Homedale girls finished fourth last week.

“Our varsity girls’ team did not qualify for State, but they sure played hard,” second-year HHS coach Raymond Smith said.

Stella Heck had Homedale’s lowest score at 110, and Danielle Price scored 112. Rounding out the quintet were Cadence Nicoletti (118), Kennedy Kildow (131), and Mattea Dimick (138).

Weiser cruised to the team title with a 424, 31 strokes ahead of McCall-Donnelly.

The Wolverines’ Lucy Hickey was one of only two girls to break 100, shooting an 84 for the individual championship. Ellie Cramblet from McCall was runner-up seven shots back.

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May 19, 1999



District Champions...

Team members from the Homedale Trojans baseball team congratulate each other after a spirited victory over the Nampa Christian Trojans last Friday evening. Homedale won the WIC A-3 District Championship title with a 5-4 victory over NC.

Trojans hold Trojans for WIC A-3 District 3 title

The Homedale Trojans defeated the Marsing Huskies, 10-3, the team's first victim in its quest for the WIC A-3 District title last week. The team's second and final victim arrived after No. 2 seed and three-time defending state champions, Nampa Christian Trojans defeated No. 3 seeded Melba Mustangs 9-3.

No. 1-seeded Homedale won 5-1.

A double play by Homedale put an end to Nampa Christian's hopes Friday evening in Nampa. Nampa Christian took a one-point lead with their first batter, in the first inning with an unearned run.

Homedale answered with a three run rally in the second inning. Brian Penrose hit a double, followed by Jamie Hastings with a single. Bryan Badiola drove Penrose in for Homedale's first run followed by a single from Brandon Hopkins, an error by Nampa Christian bringing Hastings in for the second run. Darren Uranga sent Hopkins in for the third run.

Breshears memorial fishing day set Saturday

The Owyhee County Sheriff's Office, Posse members, DARE, Homedale Police Department and the Idaho Fish and Game Department will co-sponsor the first LeRoy Breshears Memorial Kids Fishing Day this Saturday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Marsing pond.

The event is the first in what is hoped to be an annual event in memory of Breshears, a longtime Owyhee County resident, Posse member and Idaho Fish and Game Hunter Safety Instructor.

The pond will be open to Owyhee County children from kindergarten to the sixth grade and their parents. Conservation officers will hold fishing clinics to teach children how to cast, catch and clean fish.

The Marsing City Hall has donated \$200 and the Marsing Chamber of Commerce has donated \$100 to help fund the event.

Potluck planned for retiring Chad Gibson

A farewell potluck is planned to honor Chad Gibson, who is retiring from the University of Idaho Cooperative Extension System on June 6, at Givens Hot Springs, south of Marsing.

The Extension office plans to honor Gibson for his many years of service to Owyhee County.

50 years ago

May 16, 1974



THESE STUDENTS ARE winners of a "Litter Poster" contest held recently at Homedale Elementary School. The winning team in the fourth grade class in room 4-B (top photo) includes, from left, Ronny Tibbits, Jody Pryor, Margaret Wideau, and Mario Garza, captain. Winners in the fourth grade's Room 4-A (bottom photo) are, from left, Mitch Aberasturi, Goldie Connell, team captain. John Wood, Susie Larrocea and Teresa Bautista.

School board sets wage scales, adopts budget

All members were present at the regular monthly school board meeting Monday night.

Visitors were Nancy Ash and Mary Hughey. The board approved minutes of the previous meeting and paid bills amounting to \$14,097.22.

Supt. Bell reported that the district was evaluating the transportation methods required by new state guidelines on busing safety.

Budget hearing was held and the budget adopted without protest as published.

The board also:

—Approved rental fee for high school baseball field; \$5 for minimum of 4 hours with \$2 for each additional hour.

—Part time custodians were offered either a 10 per cent raise in wages or coverage under the health and accident insurance policy.

—Wage scales were set as follows: Bob Troxell and Paul Thatcher, \$6,600 each; Ken Arnold, \$5,650; bus drivers, \$127 per month; cooks, Bessie Wolff \$2.60 per hour; Harriet Ezola \$2.50 per hour; Doris Jereb, \$2.20, Lottie Echevarria, \$2.10. Bonnie Smith, part time school nurse, \$355 per month for nine months; Secretary Mary Hughey, \$325 per month; Lydia Duncan, \$350 per month; Juanita Godlevsky, \$325.

—Discussed high school graduation. Chairman Tom Arima will award diplomas.

Open house set May 17 for new courthouse

Open house for the new Owyhee County courthouse will be held Friday, May 17, from 2 to 8 p.m., according to Mrs. Barbara Jayo, county clerk, auditor and recorder.

The public is cordially invited to inspect the newly remodeled and expanded courthouse facilities. Refreshments will be served.

The Owyhee County Historical Society museum will also be open that day to visitors, Mrs. Jayo said.

153 years ago

May 13, 1871

ALMOST A FIRE.—One night this week a chandelier suspended from the ceiling of the Shade saloon, and containing four large kerosene lamps, fell to the floor, and had it not been for the remarkable coolness and presence of mind displayed by Mr. Stanley, the bar-keeper, a large portion of Silver City would, in all probability, have been laid in ashes. The lamps were dashed to pieces, the oil scattered over the floor, and in an instant, the room was all ablaze. Stanley rushed into his room, took the blankets from his bed, spread them on the floor, and, nearly suffocated by the fumes of the burning oil, succeeded in smothering the flames before any serious damage was affected.

Commissioners' Proceedings.

Board met at 1 o'clock, P.M., Monday, May 8th, with Commissioners R. S. Miles and Jas. Graham present, and W. J. Hill, Clerk. Remained in session two days and adjourned on Tuesday till 1 o'clock, P.M., May 22d. The following business was transacted.

Ordered that the election precincts of Ruby City, Asby, Hay and Ray and Upper Sinker be and are hereby abolished.

Judges of election were appointed in locations as follows to act in the various precincts as the election to be held on Monday, June 5th:

Silver City, Boonville, Wagontown, Jordan Valley, Reynolds' Creek, Oro Fino, Flint District, Lower Sinker, and Bruneau.

Exit Judge Lewis.

As our readers are aware, Associate Justice Lewis has, by means of foul play, been ousted from a position which he has filled in the most satisfactory manner during the past two years. Judge Hollister, his successor, has arrived in Boise City and assumed the duties of the office. Judge Lewis will leave for the East about the first of June, but we understand that there is a probability of his returning. We hope so, as our Territory can ill afford to lose men of his stamp. He made some enemies, because he would not be bribed or bought, but nineteen-twentieths of the people are his warm friends and regret his departure. The following extract from a private letter, received by a gentleman here, will show in what estimation Judge Lewis holds the people of Owyhee:

"My recollections of Idaho Territory and her people will be most pleasant. I have made many friends and acquaintances, and among them there are none whom I esteem more than those of Owyhee, Silver City being the first place I held court — and from that day to the time I left you, I have been treated with the utmost respect by your people, and have considered the Owyhee people my special friends. In the discharge of duty among you, it has been my aim to independently and impartially administer the law, and if errors were committed, which is quite probable, they were errors of the judgment."

GENERAL CROOK has, by special order of the President, been assigned to the command of the Department of Arizona, in place of General Stoneman. From the rapid and effective manner in which Gen. Crook settled the Indian troubles in Idaho, we are led to believe that the days of the Apaches are numbered.

THE PUGET SOUND Indians have some queer laws about increasing the population. The Indian who is guilty of being the father of twins is driven into the woods to abide alone for three months. Triplets condemn him to eternal bushwacking.

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Election 2024: County Commissioner

District 1

Lath Callaway

Hi, my name is Lath Callaway, I’m running for Owyhee County Commissioner in District 1.

I’ve lived in Owyhee County for 25 years. My wife, Stacy, and I have six children and nine beautiful grandchildren. Three of our children and their families live here in Marsing, working and loving the Ag life! I’m a boots on the ground guy. I like to get things done through hard work and determination with honesty, fairness and common sense!

I’ve owned and operated my own business since I was 18 years old, which all involves Ag related jobs. Being in business I’ve experienced ups and downs like everyone does, I’ve learned over the years that communication and teamwork is key to accomplishing your goals. As a commissioner I would look forward to working with everybody from our Government Officials, County employees and the people of Owyhee County!



I’ve been involved with the Owyhee County Fair for 15 years and a fair board member for 9 years. I’ve enjoyed being a part of the Ag Education for our youth and supporting our children in our community.

My number one interest is to protect and preserve the rural way of life here in Owyhee County. I want to be a voice for our ranchers, farmers and dairymen and it would make me proud to represent Owyhee County as your commissioner!

With your vote, I’ll put my boots on and “Keep Owyhee County Great.”

Thank You, Lath Callaway

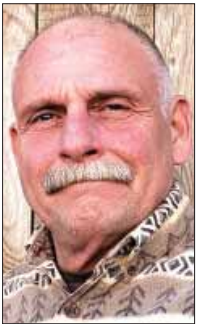
Board of County Commissioners, District 1 candidate Lath Callaway of Marsing chose to submit a statement instead of answering the specific questions The Owyhee Avalanche posed.

Callaway, 60, sought the Republican nomination for District 2 commissioner against Kelly Aberasturi in 2020.

— Ed.

Walt Holton

- **Age** — Not provided
- **Occupation** — General contractor/part time farming
- **Family** — Wife: Janice Holton (34 years). Children: Wyatt, Morgan, and Ashley. 6 grandkids
- **Years residing in Owyhee County** — 10 in Marsing area. The 10 prior years across the river on Sunny Slope.
- **Previous political or civic involvement** — Precinct committeeman alternate to Matt Dorsey, Canyon County. Current precinct committeeman Precinct 3 North Marsing. Past church board member, Homedale/Mountain View Nazarene, Men’s ministry participant. Church building co-coordinator. Youth basketball and baseball coach in Marsing. Basketball coach Nampa Christian Jr. High
- **Qualifications** — 30-plus years business management and leadership experience, have been responsible for up to 125 employees. I understand the proper role of government, am a good listener, peacemaker and committed to doing the right thing.



Why are you running for office?

Holton — I love Owyhee County and it’s rural, Christian heritage which needs to be preserved. Second, I am qualified and willing to serve with all my heart.

What are the primary duties and responsibilities for a county commissioner?

Holton — Powers and Duties are found in Idaho State Code Title 31 Chapter 8. In addition, listen to the people, understand the issues, and do what is right.

What would you improve about the county and how would you accomplish that?

Holton — I will invite the Idaho Department of Commerce and Agriculture, to cultivate ways to develop agriculture-based commerce and opportunities, so we can keep our kids in county and preserve the rural heritage.

What critical issues does the county face? How will you address the challenges?

Holton — Unconstitutional federal, and international harassment of ranchers and farmers. As commissioner, I will lobby the Governor and Attorney General to protect our resident and property rights.

In what areas has the efficiency of county government improved in recent years?

Holton — The wise appointment by the commissioners of Sheriff Larry Kendrick. He has restored public trust in the OCSO among a long list of accomplishments.

Where can county government be improved?

Holton — All elected officials and law enforcement must swear or affirm to uphold The Constitution(s), training would be prudent. Also, ethics and Open Meeting Law training would limit liability.

What is your opinion of the fiscal responsibility of county government?

Holton — I am personally fiscally conservative and will be so if elected. For each tax dollar taken, a person or family is giving up something. It is a solemn responsibility to see they are given back in service.

What departments do you believe need better fiscal responsibility and why?

Holton — As I am not currently an insider, it would be irresponsible to comment without an in depth understanding of the departments. However, there is always room for improvement.

What could be done to lessen the impact of recreationalists on county services?

Holton — The onus is on the recreationalist to be responsible. I have several ideas that need to be vetted by Owyhee County land owners.

How can the county ensure access to public lands for recreationists and ranchers?

Holton — The commissioners need to take an active role as intermediary between competing interests and not leave it to the BLM. See previous question

What more can be done in the ranchers’ BLM fight, and how can the county help?

Holton — Idaho is a sovereign state so federal lands are unconstitutional. I will consult with other rural commissioners and the AG to best manage the BLM issues.

What are your stances on the following issues facing the county?

Road maintenance

Holton — Roads for commerce and emergency vehicles are the priority. Farmers and ranchers must get their goods to market.

County wages and retention of employees

Holton — Training is expensive and goes out the door with a lost employee. Employee retention will be one of my top priorities.

Law enforcement performance

Holton — It is not all about drug busts and speeding tickets. The Sheriff’s duty is to protect the life, liberty, and property of the people. They also have the duty to stand between the people and the Federal government.

Population growth

Holton — The family farm is a dying breed. The kids are leaving and not coming back. The result of “no growth” will be a few giant farms, worked by imported people. Economic development is important.

Residential use of RVs

Holton — I would guess 99 percent of those who live in an RV do not consider it their “American Dream” but rather a financially necessary stepping stone.

Are there any other specific issues that the commissioners need to address?

Holton — Beyond taking the lead in the travel management plan, they also need to take the lead by talking with landowners and county resident sportsmen to recommend a game management plan that suits the stakeholders of the county. One of our county’s greatest assets should be its mule deer population. IDFG’s plan has not worked. It is time for OC folks to manage OC land.

Inside: Republican primary candidates questionnaires

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Election 2024: Prosecuting Attorney

Trent McRae

- **Age** — 37
- **Occupation** — Canyon County deputy prosecutor
- **Family** — Wife: Melissa McRae. 6 children
- **Years residing in Owyhee County** — Homedale for about 22 years. Family moved back to Owyhee County 4 years ago.
- **Previous political or civic involvement** — Juvenile Justice Advisory Committee currently. ... Eagle Scout ... actively involved in my church. ... First time running for office.
- **Qualifications** — Passed the bar exam in 2017 ... deputy public defender for a year ... deputy prosecutor for the past six years.



Chris Topmiller

- **Age** — 53
- **Occupation** — Owyhee County prosecuting attorney
- **Family** — Wife: Brianne Topmiller. 2 children
- **Residence** — Wilder for the past 11 years. I live in the Homedale School District. We chose the location with the school district in mind.
- **Previous political or civic involvement** — I have never run for office before, but I’m active in the Third District Youth Court, a member of the Txoko Ona Homedale Basque club, the Veterans of Foreign Wars, and the Snake River Detachment of the Marine Corps League.
- **Qualifications** — Prosecutor for 23 years. I have handled every type of case from a speeding ticket to a first degree murder, and have appeared in every type of court proceeding imaginable. I’ve also held my current job as the Owyhee County prosecutor for going on two years now.



Why are you running for office?

McRae — Many community members asked me to enter my name as a candidate, I prayed over the decision and felt impressed I was needed at this time.

Topmiller — I really love this job. It has been my favorite legal job thus far. I’ve really enjoyed my time as the County Prosecutor and I’d like to continue doing it.

What is your prosecutorial philosophy?

McRae — I believe in accountability for all — that when one wrongs society, they have to make society whole regardless of who they are.

Topmiller — I always take a case-by-case approach: accountability for offenders, deterrence to others, treatment for addiction. If you hurt someone you need to pay. If you are hurting yourself, let’s get you some help. I believe that prison is a tragedy for all involved. But if that’s where you belong, that’s where you will go. Every case is different, so there’s no one size fits all approach.

What are the biggest differences between you and your opponent?

McRae — I am a long time resident of the county, I cultivate good relationships with everyone I work with and I process cases quickly and efficiently.

Topmiller — Primarily experience. My opponent graduated from Law School in 2017. He currently prosecutes juvenile cases for Canyon County. There is a vast difference between prosecuting juvenile cases and prosecuting crimes. He worked for me in Canyon County, and I know what he does and what it entails. That said, I also know him to be a hard-working and conscientious lawyer and a real asset to this community.

Is the prosecutor’s chief obligation to county government or citizens?

McRae — The citizens first — especially direct victims — and then the county government.

Topmiller — Neither. A prosecutor’s chief obligation is to the law. That’s how both citizens and the county are best served and their rights protected. My job is not to write the law, and it’s not to refuse to enforce it merely because I may not like it. My job is to apply the law, period.

How would you balance those obligations?

McRae — The best way to balance obligations is communication. My focus will be on the needs of the citizens but I will stay in good communication with other county officials.

Topmiller — The way I have always done: by examining what the law says and following it. It’s important to follow the letter of the law, but the spirit of the law is just as important. The law is a shield, not a sword. It is there for your protection, whether you are a victim or a defendant. I’m not afraid to take a different path to help someone if needed.

What are the primary duties of a county prosecuting attorney?

McRae — To prosecute all criminal cases and defend all civil matters that arise in the county, to give advice to the commissioners and to maintain the office budget.

Topmiller — Enforcing the law, advising law enforcement, appearing in court on behalf of the county, and advising other county elected officials on legal matters.

What are the biggest challenges facing the prosecutor’s office?

McRae — I believe the biggest challenge is time constraints which I will manage by working in the office consistently and not taking on projects outside of the county.

Topmiller — Fentanyl. The Idaho Legislature just enacted mandatory minimum penalties for fentanyl last legislative session. It is not normally my place to say what the law should be, but I’ll make a rare exception here: Given the amount of fentanyl we are seeing, the addition of mandatory minimums was sorely needed.

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How would handle budgetary challenges?

McRae — In my personal life I practice being mindful of my budget and make a habit of living below my means. I will use that same philosophy for the office budget.

Topmiller — One of the ways I cope is through the use of a grant-funded victim-witness coordinator and investigator. The position adds zero cost to the county budget and has proven invaluable coordinating and directing resources. Another way is to forgo hiring a deputy prosecutor, which I do not believe is necessary.

What would the structure of the office look like under your leadership?

McRae — For now, I would keep it the same unless I see an immediate need for change as to the office structure. I would come into the office with the same expectations of discipline and high standards which I have achieved in my current position.

Topmiller — As I said, I do not believe it is a wise use of the County’s tax dollars to hire an additional prosecutor at this time. I also employ an investigator/victim advocate, and an assistant. I don’t plan to make any changes right now.

What are Owyhee’s most pressing civil matters?

McRae — One of the biggest civil issues is the housing crisis — personal property rights, the ability to obtain building permits and the RV ordinance.

Topmiller — Road access and housing. Currently the most pressing issue facing the County is how to determine who controls the right-of-ways that access federal land: the Feds or us? The other significant issue facing the county is the housing crisis and what to do about it.

What are the biggest criminal trends in the county, and how do you plan to curtail them?

McRae — Drugs, alcohol, and theft are the bulk of Owyhee

— See *Prosecuting attorney*, page 6B

Election 2024: County Commissioner

District 3

Cindy Bachman

- **Age** — 68
- **Occupation** — Rancher, District 3 county commissioner
- **Family** — Spouse: Frank Bachman (43 years), 2 sons, 1 daughter, 12 grandchildren, 1 great-granddaughter
- **Years residing in Owyhee County** — 46 years in Bruneau
- **Previous political or civic involvement** — 4-H leader, GOP Bruneau precinct committeeman, Bruneau River Soil Conservation District board, Bruneau Community Church board/Treasurer, Bruneau Roundup youth flag buzzing coordinator, ASCS/FSA committeeman (chair 5 years), BLM Resource Advisory Councils, Owyhee County Land Use Planning Committee vice-chair, Endangered Species Subcommittee chair, original BOCC appointee to Owyhee Initiative Working Group representing conservation districts, Southern Idaho Livestock Hall of Fame 2024 Inductee
- **Qualifications** — Appointed Dist. 3 commissioner by Gov. Brad Little on Sept. 5. ... extensive leadership experience on previously listed boards.



Michelle Spencer

- **Age** — 34
- **Occupation** — Administrative assistant for a local land survey company
- **Family** — Spouse: Zach (Mick). Children: Taylor and Malone
- **Years residing in Owyhee County** — I am Idaho born and raised, my father is from Owyhee County, and I have resided south of Marsing for 5 years.
- **Previous political or civic involvement** — This is where my political journey begins. I attend public hearings, commissioner meetings and have spent countless hours to greater understand the responsibility of a commissioner and how much impact it has on the community.
- **Qualifications** — I have a strong skillset in leadership and management along with the time and availability to make this my full-time commitment. I excel at working with many different teams of people to encourage each department's success. I have spent the last four years learning all about Idaho code and Owyhee County codes. With that comes a background in land uses, understanding how county government works, and the ability to create a clear and timely path for departmental success. I have compassion and willingness to listen to any concerned citizen and the drive to achieve results.
- **More** — Information, opinions and views on my website: spencerforcommissioner.com



In what areas has county government efficiency improved recently?

- Bachman** — Improved coordination between Owyhee County and BLM evidenced by BLM's cancellation of the Grand View TMP.
- Spencer** — That is a tough question to answer. In the past 5 years our county budget has increased 59%, a higher increase than Ada and Canyon County. Road and bridge funds have been reduced even though we have more road usage. We no longer have an "economic development" budget. However, I can recognize a few positives. I have personally witnessed better response times from a few elected positions, and the newly managed Sheriff's department has been putting out some great reports and really stepped up keeping the community involved. Of course, the clerk's office has been lovely as always.

What's your opinion of the fiscal responsibility of county government?

- Bachman** — Fiscal responsibility includes transparent spending of taxpayer dollars.
- Spencer** — These funds are for the people, and from the people. Our county needs to be responsible. Ask questions when

Why are you running for office?

- Bachman** — To be your voice in Owyhee County
- Spencer** — I have first-hand experienced gaps within our government at the county level. Our government has experienced many trials over the past few years, all of which should have been avoided by proper leadership. We all love this county, we love our home, and I know I am the option that will lead us into success, not controversy.

What are the primary duties and responsibilities for a commissioner?

- Bachman** — My personal primary duty and responsibility is to listen to and be accountable to all county residents. Idaho Code, Title 31, Chapter 8: County commissioner's role is: Supervise county officers, supervise elections, supervision of roads and bridges, manage county property, levy taxes, maintain the fair grounds, and provide misdemeanor probation services... to name a few.
- Spencer** — Commissioners set the county standards in many ways. They oversee management and administration, approve codes and laws, appoint authority such as community development and road and bridge districts ... approve county budgets, pay rates, and expenses. Commissioner is your representative, ensuring the citizens' needs are being acknowledged and hopefully accommodated.

What would you improve about the county; How would you do that?

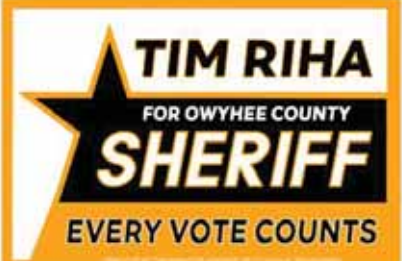
- Bachman** — Owyhee County is impressively unique and impossible to improve. My goal as is to maintain our uniqueness by protecting private property rights and managing growth.
- Spencer** — Leadership and management. The standards have fallen behind and it is showing. I will provide oversight and set the standard as to what is being reported and how things are getting accomplished. I will set a clear path for success and follow up to ensure things are getting done.

What critical issues does the county face? How will you address them?

- Bachman** — Protecting private property rights and managing growth, plus managing the huge influx of out of county recreationalists who discovered our federally managed lands in Owyhee County. I will support and help facilitate the Owyhee County Comprehensive Land Use Plan update and work diligently with BLM to address mismanagement of recreation in Owyhee County.
- Spencer** — Growth management, subdivisions, the future of our ag lands, our private property rights, economic stability, and ethics within our government. I will set a clear path for success, ensure long-range planning is happening and updated every six months as it's supposed to be. I will protect everyone's private property rights by making sure our codes are not damaging the life and liberty of Owyhee County citizens. I will lead this community and government every day, inspect that departments are working timely and efficiently, and the needs of all citizens are acknowledged and represented.

Where can county government be improved?

- Bachman** — I will work to improve communications with the public.
- Spencer** — Leadership and accountability are the most needed improvements in county government.



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Election 2024: Sheriff

Larry Kendrick

- **Age** — 60
- **Occupation** — Owyhee County sheriff
- **Family** — Wife: Betsy. 1 daughter, 2 grandchildren, 1 great-grandchild
- **Years residing in Owyhee County** — Murphy since 2011.
- **Previous political or civic involvement** — Owyhee County Historical Society board of directors.
- **Qualifications** — 31 years of experience as a peace officer to include jail operations, patrol deputy, investigations, back country. Idaho POST Basic, Intermediate, Advanced, Master Certifications. Numerous training certifications including High-Liability instructor. Owyhee County Sheriff since April 2023.



Tim Riha

- **Age** — 52
- **Occupation** — Private transport firm in Caldwell; BBQ for Street Dogs on Fridays; HPD reserve officer.
- **Family** — Wife: Jennifer. 3 adult children
- **Years residing in Owyhee County** — Southwest of Homedale for just over 14 years
- **Previous political or civic involvement** — I have not sought a political office in the past.
- **Qualifications** — Full-time law enforcement officer in Idaho for over 30 years for Nampa Police Department and Idaho State Police. Basic, Intermediate, Advanced and Supervisory Idaho POST Academy certificates. Bachelor of Science Degree from Boise State University in Criminal Justice Administration. Part-time work for sheriff's offices in Canyon, Valley and Owyhee counties. 18.5 years as a law enforcement supervisor.



Why are you running for office?

Kendrick — To serve the citizens of Owyhee County by protecting their families, property rights, by upholding the constitution.

Riha — I know that my education, training and experience will benefit the citizens of Owyhee County. I have the desire to continue to serve as a leader in law enforcement and I want the best for the county that I live in and chose to raise my family in.

What are the roles and responsibilities for a sheriff?

Kendrick — Preserve the peace, protecting and defending individuals' constitutional rights and be a servant to the citizens of our community all within the guidelines of Idaho Code 32-2202, Duties of Sheriff.

Riha — There are many duties required of a Sheriff. Protecting and serving the public is the most important, however, they must maintain a jail facility, serve civil papers, are responsible for search and rescue within the county among other duties laid out in Idaho Code, Title 31.

What improvements are needed? How would you accomplish them?

Kendrick — Improve income and affordable health insurance and benefits for staff and families, securing additional funds for training and education, by working with county commissioners.

Riha — Creating a work environment where the employees feel appreciated and know that, beyond a huge mistake, the administration will have their back, is very important. Job satisfaction is what retains employees. I plan to create a work environment where all Sheriff's Office employees are proud of their work and receive appreciation for the work that they do.

What are the most crucial internal issues facing sheriff's office, jail?

Kendrick — Increasing funding for training and education, health benefits to help improve staff retention, replacement of outdated or substandard equipment, vehicles, and technology.

Riha — Staffing and employee retention. My leadership style will make the work environment better for OCSO employees. I plan to provide them with the training and tools to do their work effectively and safely.

What will be your business priorities for the sheriff's office and jail?

Kendrick — We have worked hard to reduce wasteful and unnecessary spending and increase jail revenue, localized staff training to reduce cost. These will continue to be some of our highest priorities.

Riha — To be fiscally responsible stewards of taxpayer monies. I plan to set high standards then maintain those standards while staying within the budgets the office is provided. I will actively seek grants to assist us with our monetary needs and lessen the burden on the taxpayers.

What will be your law enforcement priorities?

Kendrick — Continuing community education, transparency and awareness. Drug enforcement and crime prevention, upholding an individual's constitutional rights, while maintaining a professional and ethical sheriff's office.

Riha — Create a positive work environment for all OCSO employees. Although, education of the public about the drug problem is part of the equation, enforcement is as well. I want the deputies to engage with the public to find out about problem houses or locations and then put a plan in place to properly investigate and arrest those that are providing these dangerous substances to others. Work towards providing School Resource Deputies to Marsing and Grand View/Bruneau as a norm and not just when possible. Revive the volunteer, reserve deputy program, to assist our large county in times of need.

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How does the community perceive OCSO?

What could improve?

Kendrick — The perception has greatly improved from the prior administration through transparency, community policing and education. Holding additional public education events such as town halls, National Night Out and Facebook Q&A.

Riha — I'm not sure the community, as a whole, has a general perception of the Sheriff's Office. It is an individual perception for each person. Some have a negative perception and some have a positive perception. All I can do is try to make more citizens satisfied with the service that they receive by making sure that all staff are communicating effectively with the public they serve.

What is a deputy's role/relationship within communities they patrol?

Kendrick — Respond to calls for service, investigate crimes, mentorship for youth, a servant to the community, community policing and education. In depth knowledge of the businesses and citizens in their patrol area.

Riha — Deputies should get to know the citizens, business owners, church leaders and anyone that they can. This will build positive relationships between the sheriff's office and the community. These types of relationships are necessary to work on combating crime within our county, and building a strong relationship between our great citizens and the sheriff's office.

What are Owyhee's most urgent law enforcement issues? How will you address them?

Kendrick — Combating fentanyl and other dangerous drugs from entering our communities. During weekends our population increases due to recreation. We are shouldered with these burdens without having additional staff and resources.

Riha — Owyhee County's biggest problem are drugs because

— See *Sheriff*, page 6B

Election 2024: Dist. 23 House Seat A

Why are you running for office?

Bruce — To be the community’s voice at the state house. Stop illegal immigration, strengthen our 2nd amendment, reduce, or remove property tax, reinforce our personal and medical freedom, protect grazing rights, property rights and our water resources. Create sustainable growth.

Durrant — To continue to represent and fight for the people in District 23 by preserving and protecting the Idaho way of life.

Why are you the best choice to represent Owyhee County citizens?

Bruce — I understand that the needs for Owyhee are different from the other counties. The only way to understand this is to spend time in the community and hear the residents. If elected, I will be out in the district every quarter to hear from you. I have also reached out to a Owyhee P&Z commissioner to find an Owyhee advisor who understands the needs of the county.

Durrant — I am hard working and a good listener with a diverse background that gives me a solid foundation to stand and represent the citizens.

How would you improve the Idaho Legislature?

Bruce — I believe having one person as the gate keeper of all bills in committee is not how the republic should work. I will work with all representatives to change this. Every interaction with lobbyists should be logged. Our community should know who their representative is speaking with (transparency).

Durrant — Focusing on lasting legislation through an open door policy and outreach to seek information and input from all affected and interested individuals.

What will be your legislative priorities?

Bruce — Reduce or remove property tax. Stop pro-illegal immigration bills. Clarify state mitigation fee language for our school districts. Gain control of Idaho’s public lands from the federal government.

Durrant — Continued property tax relief, rural school facilities funding, improve infrastructure and services, and continue improvement on agriculture preservation areas.

What are crucial issues for Owyhee? How would you address them?

Bruce — Rural highway district funding. Commerce needs quality infrastructure to travel.

Durrant — Recreation, public lands, water rights, and school funding. Increase first responders, fight for bills that benefit the county and its diverse demographic.

What are crucial issues for District 23? How would you address them?

Bruce — Growth, infrastructure, and property taxes. Growth needs to pay for itself. We need to reduce spending so we can reduce the need for property tax increase.

Durrant — Growth and property rights. Increase infrastructure, services, and opportunities to preserve land for agriculture and ranching while maintaining property rights.

How will you connect with Owyhee County constituents in District 23?

Bruce — The only way to connect with the Owyhee community is to be present in the community. I will be in each city on a quarterly basis to hear from them. I will also take time to talk with mayors, councilmembers, and commissioners.

Durrant — Listening, reaching out to, visiting with and being available for them to talk to and work with them to accomplish goals/needs for the county.

How will you balance the diverse interests in the district?

Bruce — Community input is the only way to understand the different needs of the whole district.

Durrant — By focusing on the district as whole to prevent unintended consequences in one area from legislation passed.

How do the needs and issues important to Owyhee County constituents differ from those in Canyon and Ada counties?

Bruce — Now Ada and Canyon are dealing with historic growth. I will be mindful that creating policy for Ada and Canyon will not negatively affect Owyhee.

Durrant — Owyhee County doesn’t have the large tax base as the other counties, and left to foot the burden from nonresident recreation, infrastructure decline, school facility upkeep, and few resources.

Should the Constitutional Defense Fund reimburse ranchers Paul Nettleton and Tim Lowry?

Bruce — The legal fees should be paid by the state. The state benefits in cases like this. Idaho should protect our community from future federal lawsuits of this type.

Durrant — That CDF should be used to help pay the legal fees as this case has been used to benefit water rights in Idaho. The Legislature passed House Proclamation 1 in 2018 that also was in favor of this, which shows the state is in favor.

How would you get more funding for rural school districts?

Bruce — Our school funding model needs to be updated across the state. I will make sure Owyhee school districts have input in this process.

Durrant — Modernize the funding formula and direct more monies into facilities.

How would you get more funding for rural highway districts?

Bruce — I would rely on the expertise of the Idaho association of highway districts. A partnership with ITD is crucial in the success of rural highway districts. I also would not expect that all these needs will be the same.

Durrant — Look for other funding mechanisms and formulas directed to rural highway districts.

How would you ensure city councils and BOCC have your ear?

Bruce — Being a council member I know how cities and counties can be left out. I will set up a calendar appointment to have them on a call together monthly during the session. Or as needed if they have urgent issues.

Durrant — By listening and reaching out to about pending legislation and fight for the local control with the best interest of the citizens.

Should Idaho manage all public lands in the state?

Bruce — Idaho should be in control of Idaho lands. I will fight to make this happen.

Durrant — The state should manage the lands in conjunction with feedback and input from the locals that use, benefit, and are affected by the land.

Explain your process to determine a yes or no vote on Joint Finance and Appropriations Committee proposals?

Bruce — The budget process update this year was great. Maintenance budget to fund the state. Then Debate everything supplemental. I will be present to hear the debate. Then vote according to my district needs.

Durrant — Is it adequate funding for constitutional and statute obligations. If new programs are included will the benefit the district and is it a beneficial use of the money.

Any other comments?

Bruce — I try to pay it forward in my community every day. When I say, me having a seat at the table is like you having a seat at the table, you can expect that. Good or bad, I will always be open to a conversation about our future. God Bless Idaho and America!

Chris Bruce

- **Age** — 44
- **Occupation** — Loan officer
- **Family** — Wife: Kyrsti (26 years). 2 sons
- **Residence** — 9.8 years in Kuna
- **Previous political or civic involvement** — Superintendent advisory council, Kuna economic development committee, Kuna Chamber board of directors, current Kuna city council president and Ada County GOP District 23, Precinct 6 committeeman
- **Qualifications** — See previous



Melissa Durrant

- **Age** — 36
- **Occupation** — Mother, legislator, farmer, small business owner, graduate student
- **Family** — Husband: Neil. 4 children
- **Residence** — 18 years in Kuna
- **Previous political or civic involvement** — 2 years as Farm Bureau State Young Farmer and Rancher chair, 2 years on the American Farm Bureau Young Farmer and Rancher Committee, 2 years as Farm Bureau state board member, served on local school district committees, coached Kuna Police Athletic League soccer for 6 years in age groups ranging from 3 years old to 10. Served on the Kuna PAL soccer committee.
- **Qualifications** — Current representative, mother, business owner, and citizen of the district



Election 2024: Prosecuting Attorney

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County crimes which I plan to curtail by quickly charging cases, not allowing statutes of limitations to lead to dismissals, with equal accountability for all.

Topmiller — Hard to say with any degree of certainty, but in the past year we have had multi-pound seizures of methamphetamine, cocaine, and fentanyl. I plan to curtail the trend by targeting the supply side and locking up dealers, but also treating the demand side, by offering treatment alternatives for addiction. The U.S. Attorney’s office in Boise has been an invaluable partner. Three trafficking cases in the last year have been prosecuted by the U.S. Attorney at my request.

Describe the Owyhee County Prosecutor’s Office workload and how you’d cope with it.

McRae — I currently have around 220 active cases. I cope with it by committing to consistency — showing up every day at the same time, putting in a full day’s work, and making deadlines.

Topmiller — The workload is very manageable for the right person. I choose my words carefully, with the emphasis on the “right person.” The last two prosecutors both sought to hire deputies to manage the caseload. I don’t believe that’s necessary. But I came from a high-volume office and so am better equipped to handle the workload, whatever it may be.

What factors do you analyze when deciding between a jury trial and offering a plea bargain?

McRae — The main factors are sufficient evidence and whether justice requires a trial. Many cases resolve through plea deals, but if an individual will not take accountability, I will not hesitate to take them to trial.

Topmiller — I always make at least some offer. Part of my job is safeguarding county resources. It’s not a good use of tax dollars to take every case to trial. It’s also important to note that I don’t decide if a case goes to trial; the defendant does. The factors I use: Did I make an appropriate offer? How strong is the case? Can it be proven? But ultimately it’s the defendant’s decision.

How do you plan to protect the county’s sovereignty?

McRae — By prosecuting all crimes when there is a legally sufficient basis to do so. I do not pick and choose which crimes to ignore or which to enforce. Credibility to the county’s sovereignty will be protected when all are equally accountable for their actions.

Topmiller — Counties, strictly speaking, are not sovereigns. They are political subdivisions of the state. But the state and the county’s citizens routinely look to county government to safeguard the delicate balance between the states and the federal government. I plan to protect the county’s interests by continuing to assist the County Commissioners in drafting and reviewing responses to actions taken by the federal government and pressing for our rights in court if needed.

Please address any other crucial issues

McRae — The federal government is taking our constitutional rights. I know the law, I know how to apply it, and I will defend the Constitution. I will put in the work to make our county great again!

Topmiller — I could talk for a week straight about these issues. But who wants me to? No one. Please visit my website (www.christopmillerforowyhee.com) to learn more about me and review a fact sheet from the Idaho Prosecuting Attorneys Association (<https://ipaa-prosecutors.org/prosecutor/owyhee-county/>). And if you want to see a true crime documentary I was in, take a look at this show: “Impact of Murder: Dragged to Hell (<https://www.imdb.com/title/tt12110434/>)

Election 2024: Sheriff

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theft and burglaries also go hand-in-hand with the drug problem. While this problem may never be eliminated, getting to know our community members will allow us to gain information to begin investigations so we can charge the dealers and at the same time, we should see a drop in property crimes.

How would you improve efficiency for the sheriff’s office and jail?

Kendrick — We are currently updating policies, procedures and practices to assist in streamlining day to day operations. Working as a team with the prosecutor’s office to expedite case processing.

Riha — This is a bit hard to answer since I am not currently in charge of the budget of the sheriff’s office. However, I would make sure that every expense made by the sheriff’s office is fiscally responsible, and I will make sure the taxpayers receive the most cost-effective use of their money. While employed by OCSO, I reviewed the budgets of the programs that I had oversight of, weekly, to make sure we were operating within our allowed budgets.

What can be done for more efficient use of taxpayer funds for the jail and sheriff’s office?

Kendrick — Prioritized and educated purchases. Frequent review of our current budget utilization percentages.

Riha — OCSO already operates on a very tight budget. I will review current spending practices and operations at the sheriff’s office and see if there are areas that can be run more efficiently, to save taxpayer dollars. Also, as stated before, I will actively seek grants that can help off-set costs for the taxpayers.

What’s more important in a deputy or supervisor: Experience or knowledge of community?

Kendrick — Knowledge of community is crucial as we perform our duties throughout Owyhee County. Knowledge of the communities we serve brings us invaluable experience. The latter provides the former.

Riha — For a deputy just starting out, it would be nice if they had knowledge of the community. I don’t think that means that if they are hired from another area, that they can’t learn the community fairly quickly. For a supervisor, having the experience is crucial for decision-making, more so than knowledge of the community. I have 18.5 years of law enforcement leadership experience, have lived in Idaho since I was 5 and all of my law enforcement career was spent serving in Idaho. It is also important to allow a patrol deputy to mature into a role of supervisor, and the knowledge of community comes with growth.

What must be done to stay ahead of the curve on crime created by growth and outside elements?

Kendrick — All county elected officials must work together to provide cutting-edge training, equipment, technology, and sufficient staffing to meet the needs of future growth.

Riha — Emergency services in Owyhee County will need to grow as the population grows. We are already seeing more and more houses being built in the county. On top of that, as the other counties grow around us, we see the increase in use of our recreational areas. The recreational use taxes our resources, which are set up to provide services to the Owyhee County taxpayers. I believe we have to figure out a way to increase the numbers of employees at the sheriff’s office to keep up with the growth.

Are law enforcement contracts necessary for Marsing and Grand View?

Kendrick — A contract can benefit both a city and county by providing additional law enforcement presence, code enforcement and by contributing funds to the county for an additional deputy.

Riha — I like the idea of having contracts with Marsing and Grand View. This helps off-set the cost of providing those services with no compensation back to the sheriff’s office. It also allows for more coverage of the rural parts of the county.

Any other comment?

Kendrick — My promise to the citizens of Owyhee County is that my team and I will continue to strive and move the sheriff’s office forward in a professional and ethical direction. I ask for your vote so I can continue protecting your families, your property, and your rights, as your sheriff.

Riha — I was raised in two professional, Idaho law enforcement agencies. I will create a work environment where employees feel valued. I am an advocate for school safety and would like to see dedicated SRO’s in Marsing and Grand View/Bruneau. I plan to provide an active backcountry patrol program to protect our resources and deter crime. I will foster positive relationships with other agencies, community leaders and other stakeholders. I plan to make our volunteer reserve deputy program robust again, as it was in the past.

Election 2024: County Commissioner

District 3

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the budget is presented, make sure funds are being used properly and inspect audit reports. We have to have a proper budget to run each department and support the community, it's most responsible to make sure that those dollars are being utilized efficiently.

What departments need better fiscal responsibility and why?

Bachman — All county departments are operating within their current budget allocations.

Spencer — That is a hard question to answer since there aren't reports publicly available on the county website. Every department needs to be responsible with their budget. I would set a more transparent standard of what those reports need to entail so that everyone can stay informed.

How can recreationalists' impact on county services be lessened?

Bachman — Pay to play. Establish a toll booth on all bridges crossing the Snake River into Owyhee County from Hammett to Homedale and a toll booth on Highway 51 coming into Owyhee County from Nevada and one on Highway 95 coming into Owyhee County from Oregon.

Spencer — The impact on services and burden on private property has been a big issue, especially with the increase we've seen since COVID. Provide more support to sheriff department and to emergency services. Provide a clear path and expectation with BLM and their part in the management.

How can the county ensure public lands access for recreation, ranchers?

Bachman — Ranchers have an administrative right to access federally managed lands and their grazing allotments. It is a privilege for recreationalists to have access to enjoy federally managed lands in Owyhee County and abuses of that privilege will cause the creation of restrictions.

Spencer — The county has fallen short on how access and roads have been recorded, for recreationalists, ranchers, and private property owners. Continue to fight for these rights and make sure all areas are recorded and mapped.

What more can be done in the ranchers' BLM fight, and how can the county help?

Bachman — Owyhee County currently contracts with an attorney who specializes in actively supporting ranchers vs. BLM legal issues.

Spencer — I believe it comes down to clear standards. So many BLM meetings are left with unanswered questions and an unclear path to success. I stand with our ranchers and farmers to ensure their property rights are protected.

What are your stances on the following issues facing the county?

Road maintenance

Bachman — Please call me at (208) 599-3616, and I will be glad to discuss any of the following topics with you.

Spencer — Road maintenance should be taken seriously. We need a proper budget. We have the most travel on our roads than ever before, and we need them to be safe. On the county website there is a transportation master plan update from 01/2024, there was a survey that was used to develop the master plan update. It consisted of 6 incomplete surveys. Our county deserves better than that.

County wages and retention of employees

Spencer — Find the balance of offering a living wage in these tough economic times, without burdening taxpayers. Without great employees our county will not thrive, so the funds have to come from somewhere. The county provided a survey about facilities awhile back, updates to county buildings, that would not be my priority. I would value wages and employee retention first instead of spending the budget frivolously.

Law enforcement performance

Spencer — Our biggest budget, rightfully so. A safe county is so important, and I support the Sheriff's office. When clear standards are created and enforced, performance excels. A code of ethics or code of conduct is a great tool for all government employees.

Population growth

Spencer — We all want our children to grow up and have a home here, and their children as well, so growth will happen from that alone. We aren't supporting an economically viable area for our children and their children. That takes proper planning and effort. I see Owyhee County families moving out and not so local families moving in. We have created an inflated housing market, which one might even say is in crisis. We need to repair the mess that has been created and focus on keeping our families here, while utilizing short and long range community planning to make sure we protect our values and traditions.

Residential use of RVs

Spencer — Not many people want to live in an RV, but there are various reasons people might need to. If we take away the right to stay in an RV or have a friend or family member stay in an RV on private property, we are taking away our rights. And with government once something is taken away, you'll never get it back. We need to drop this discussion and focus on our economy [and] protecting private property rights and have compassion for all living situations. The ordinance was distasteful and not representative of our kind, caring community.



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Election 2024: Dist. 23 House Seat B

Why are you running for office?

Dygert — So District 23 and specifically Owyhee County has representation in the state capital that will be accountable to the residents of District 23.

Lambert — So I can continue to represent the people of District 23 and to fight for their freedom from government overreach.

Why are you the best choice to represent Owyhee County citizens?

Dygert — My knowledge and experience of 33 years as a resident of Owyhee County, and my experience in agriculture, makes me the best choice to advocate for the many and unique needs of Owyhee County.

Lambert — I have experience doing just that. I am honest and I have integrity. I work for “We the People,” and not special interest groups, lobbyists, government agencies or the governor. I will continue to fight to get the government off the backs of the people.

What will be your legislative priorities?

Dygert — Strong fiscal responsibility, advocating for agriculture, advocating for rural education, property tax relief.

Lambert — Limited government, fiscal responsibility, protecting the unborn, keeping our guns, and land and water rights.

How would you improve the Idaho Legislature?

Dygert — The Idaho Legislature needs to return to more civil discourse. Strong, passionate discussions are necessary, but the vilifying of other legislators is not necessary. Votes need to be based on what is right for District 23.

Lambert — I have been working with other conservative, liberty-minded legislators to transform the Legislature into a body that listens to and represents the interests of the citizens, rather than lobbyists, agencies and special interest groups.

How do the needs and issues important to Owyhee County constituents differ from those in Canyon and Ada counties?

Dygert — Owyhee County deals with an increase of population for recreation on public lands that the other two counties do not, which puts a strain on the emergency services. Owyhee County schools also have a more difficult time with school funding and the same opportunities that exist in Canyon or Ada county. We also have vast public lands with grazing issues, water issues and species management issues that are not north of the Snake River.

Lambert — The obvious difference is that Canyon and Ada counties are more urban and Owyhee County is mostly rural and agricultural, but aside from that, people all over District 23 value freedom, and we all benefit from limited government, lower taxes, and excellent education for our children.

How will you balance the diverse interests in the district?

Dygert — I will approach each topic and issue one at a time and the resulting vote will be based on the merits of the legislation. Legislation that would give an undue advantage to one part of the district over the other should be worked on until it can benefit the entire district.

Lambert — I listen to all of my constituents.

What are crucial issues for Owyhee? How would you address them?

Dygert — Keeping federal intrusion out of Owyhee County. Finding resources for emergency services. Providing for our rural schools. Each of these will require long-term planning and advocacy. Having and building relationships in state agencies and empowering local government to solve problems will be a priority.

Lambert — I keep hearing about the proposed RV ordinance, but that isn’t a state issue. The county commissioners must address that, and as elected officials, they must listen to the will of the people.

What are crucial issues for District 23? How would you address them?

Dygert — Property tax relief, especially for fixed-income seniors. Returning sales tax money to schools to pay for bonds and levies, which in turn reduce everyone’s property tax is a really good strategy. Finding ways to empower counties to deal with federal intrusion. Find ways to allow rural schools to compete with larger districts.

Lambert — Growth, water, agriculture, and the open southern border. We must make growth pay for itself, and we need to protect our agricultural land. For example, we must not build solar farms on ag land. We have to do something to stop the flood of illegal immigrants, and the resulting crime, drugs and human trafficking that come with that.

How will you connect with Owyhee County constituents in District 23?

Dygert — I will continue to be at the same events that I have been to for years. I will also be available by email, text and phone calls.

Lambert — My email, phone number, and address are all public on the State of Idaho website and on my own website, www.TinaforIdaho.com, so anyone can call, text, or write to me. I answer my constituents’ emails, and I respond to texts and phone calls. This is a high priority for me, as I work for my constituents. When someone has a problem or a concern, I find the solution!

How would you ensure city councils and BOCC have your ear?

Dygert — I have a relationship with all the current Owyhee County commissioners right now, and individuals that are on city councils and commissions in Ada and Canyon County. Many of them, in all areas of District 23, already have my phone number. I am pleased to have the endorsement of the mayors of Melba and Kuna.

Lambert — They have my phone number and email address, just like every other constituent. When they reach out, I respond!

Should the Constitutional Defense Fund reimburse ranchers Paul Nettleton and Tim Lowry?

Dygert — The standard has been met for the Constitutional Defense Fund to pay the legal fees for Paul and Tim. There have been significant actions taken to protect water based on what they did to be reimbursed. The challenge now is to find the obstacles of those that vote for the reimbursement and help them overcome those challenges.

Lambert — That fund should be utilized to reimburse Mr. Nettleton and Mr. Lowry. I have been working on that for two years. I am writing legislation to do just that, and I’m hopeful that we can get it done in the next legislative session.

Should Idaho manage all public lands in the state?

Dygert — Idaho should be the lead in management of public lands, but we still need to access federal resources for some specific needs such as fire. Idaho needs to vigorously defend against the use of the “Antiquities Act”, the locking up of Owyhee County lands, intrusion on private property rights such as grazing permits, and any federal claim on Idaho water.

Lambert — Idaho should manage its own public lands; not the federal government. More private ownership of land in Idaho would benefit everyone.

Shawn Dygert

• **Age** — 59

• **Occupation** — Kuna High School agriculture teacher/FFA advisor (33 years)

• **Family** — Wife: Annette. 4 sons, 11 grandchildren

• **Residence** — 33 years in Guffey

• **Previous political or civic involvement** — Owyhee County Fair Board, Owyhee County Republican Central Committee chair, Idaho Ag Teachers Assoc/ legislative liaison (25 years)

• **Qualifications** — Legislative experience; Ag and Education experience; historical knowledge of Owyhee County; ability to engage individuals in the legislative process



Tina Lambert

• **Age** — 58

• **Occupation** — Homemaker

• **Family** — Husband: David. 3 children

• **Residence** — Rural Caldwell area for 4 years; born and raised in Idaho and lived here for the first 25 years of my life

• **Previous political or civic involvement** — State representative for the past 2 years; school board trustee and a precinct committee officer; current member of the Canyon County Symphony, former member of many other community bands and orchestras; served on the board of directors of Oregon Symphonic Band; volunteered at a crisis pregnancy center; current member of Christ Reformed Church in Nampa.

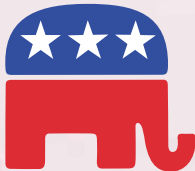
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Election 2024: Dist. 23 Senate

Why are you running for office?

To serve the people in our communities and maintain the traditional conservative values that have kept Idaho a great place to live, raise our families and earn a living.

Why are you the best choice to represent Owyhee County citizens?

Experience and Effectiveness. I have served almost 30 years as a volunteer and leader in our community and am a trusted and effective leader in the Senate.

What will be your legislative priorities?

Creating an environment where individuals and businesses can thrive. That means lower taxes, less government, investing in education and infrastructure, supporting law enforcement and protecting individual rights.

How would you improve the Idaho Legislature?

The Legislature could do a better job of respecting local control and local elected officials. I will continue to advocate for and support issues that are best handled at the local level.

What are crucial issues for Owyhee? How would you address them?

Supporting agriculture and a strong economy so people can earn a living; federal lands issues and infrastructure funding. I will continue to work on tax relief, reducing regulations, advocate for appropriate local and state control of federal lands issues and advocate for road and broadband funding.

How do the needs and issues important to Owyhee County constituents differ from those in Canyon and Ada counties?

I understand and respect that each county has its own local priorities. Owyhee County is prioritizing agriculture, has much more federal lands issues and sees growth differently than the other counties.

How will you balance the diverse interests in the district?

Listen carefully and be fair minded and thoughtful — each county gets my full attention and effort as I build consensus in the Legislature toward good policy wherever needed.

How would you ensure city councils and BOCC have your ear?

By taking time to attend meetings and listening to their priorities and maintaining open communication with them on local issues.

Explain your process to determine a yes or no vote on Joint Finance and Appropriations Committee proposals?

I look at the funding items in each bill, listen and strive to determine if it is necessary, cost-effective, an appropriate government expenditure and whether we are meeting our statutory requirements and commitments.

Todd Lakey

- **Age** — 59
- **Occupation** — Attorney, small business owner
- **Family** — Wife: Jan (38 years). 5 children, 7 grandchildren
- **Residence** — 31 years in Canyon County and Nampa
- **Political or civic involvement** — Six terms Idaho state senator. Canyon County commissioner (1999-2004). President, Idaho Association of Commissioners and Clerks, Idaho Association of Counties legislative chairman, Republican Precinct Committeeman (20-plus years), Republican Central Committee chair, Republican State Committeeman, Canyon County United Way board, Treasure Valley Partnership president, Idaho Counties Risk Management Program board of directors
- **Qualifications** — Six terms as Idaho State Senator. Senate Republican Majority Caucus chair and Judiciary and Rules Committee chair. Served on the Commerce, Local Government and Tax, State Affairs and Health and Welfare Committees. Canyon County commissioner (chair during entire tenure). Former deputyprosecuting attorney. Small business owner and attorney. Retired officer, U.S. Army Reserves (20 years)



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Election 2024: Dist. 23 Senate

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How will you connect Owyhee constituents?

By being present in the community and listening. I attend city council and county commission meetings and other community events and will continue to do so.

Should the Constitutional Defense Fund reimburse Paul Nettleton and Tim Lowry?

I voted for it in 2018 and still support use of the fund. That case has statewide benefit regarding priority dates for stock water rights on federal lands.

How would you get more funding for rural highway districts?

I will continue to promote additional funding for our roads and bridges. I will continue to advocate that such additional funding needs to be shared with the locals.

How would you get more funding for rural school districts?

I will continue to support needed funding with accountability and support more local and rural autonomy on issues like four-day school week.

Should Idaho manage all public lands in the state?

We can certainly do a better job than the federal government. Practically we should consider the costs and benefits of managing the right lands, at the right time in the right way.

Any other comments?

I will continue to work with the NRA and others as the lead senator on most legislation strengthening our Second Amendment rights. I regularly work with Idaho Choose Life and other pro-life advocates to lead on pro-life efforts in the Senate. Working with agriculture groups to help make agriculture profitable and sustainable will remain a priority for me. As chairman of Judiciary and Rules, I will continue to advocate to fully fund and support law enforcement and first-responders and resist liberal efforts to soften accountability for drug traffickers.

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Election 2024: Citizens’ voices

Letters to the editor

Dygert will be conscientious, thorough Dist. 23 lawmaker

We are writing in support of Shawn Dygert for the House of Representatives, Seat B.

He has been a well-respected ag advisor, helping many of the young people learning goal-setting and working to achieve their goals.

He was also a very good chairman of the Republican Central Committee. With his FFA background in Parliamentary Procedure, the meetings were always well-run.

He has always been willing to listen to other ideas and will solicit input from a variety of sources to achieve the best outcome for District 23.

Shawn will not just vote no on bills. He will take the time and make the effort to analyze and understand the issue and the vote for the best interest of District 23. Shawn will not depend on special interests in Boise to tell him how to vote. He is independent and will work hard to develop consensus for the voters.

He will bring a diverse background of education, agriculture and local Republican politics to the House and is well equipped to represent our district.

Please join us in voting for Shawn Dygert.

Bert and Paula Brackett
Three Creek/Rogerson

Dygert has wisdom, experience to serve in House

I am writing to encourage your support and vote for Shawn Dygert as Idaho District 23B Representative. I have known and worked with Shawn in various capacities for over 25 years. This includes time as high school ag teachers at different schools and while Shawn served on the Owyhee County Fair Board — first as a member and later as chair. I also worked with Shawn on the Owyhee County Republican Central Committee.

Shawn Dygert is a strong conservative voice for rural Idaho. He understands the importance and value of agriculture to the economy of Owyhee County and the state of Idaho. He is a person of high integrity with a broad understanding of the issues in Idaho and beyond. He has experience working on local and state levels. He is not afraid to take a stand when needed; however, Shawn has the wisdom to choose the right battles and not just pick a fight to make noise.

Shawn is a supporter of your Second Amendment rights, has strong family values, and is pro-life. He believes in the value of education and is a supporter of local control for our schools. He is fiscally conservative and understands the importance of budgets and accountability.

I believe that Shawn Dygert is the best choice for Idaho District 23B Representative. Please join me in voting for Shawn Dygert.

Scott Jensen
Marsing

Central committeemen aren’t king-makers

My name is Brandi Long from Grand View. I am running for the Owyhee County Republican Central Committeeman seat in Precinct 9 for Grand View.

As a lifelong Idahoan, I have lived in Grand View for the majority of my life. I’ve been a registered Republican since November 2nd, 2004. I was 19 and drove all the way from BSU to register and vote

as a Republican at the Grand View Library. One of my proudest moments was when the election worker stated, “Brandi Long has voted,” and gave me my sticker. My entire adult life, I have been a Republican.

I am running to be a Precinct Committeeman (PC) because I believe it is the right thing. I believe the Republican Central Committee is not the place to decide who people should vote for. That is up to the voters not a committee. My job will be to uphold and support the Republican candidate the voters choose. My voice as a PC should not be louder than what the constituents are choosing.

Across the state, central committees have been hand-picking candidates and only campaigning for their candidates even before the primary in May. The committees should remain objective until the primary and then fiercely back the Republican candidate that you, as voters, have chosen.

Committees also should not have the power to take away a Republican designation for not 100 percent agreeing with the Republican platform rules — as they tried in Bonneville County. The platform rules are a living document that gets changed, so it is not 100 percent in and of itself. Ronald Reagan said it best: “The person who agrees with you 80 percent of the time is a friend and ally — not a 20 percent traitor.”

Voters need their voices heard, not a committee choice. I would appreciate your vote May 21st.

Brandi Long
Grand View

Patriotic Dygert has passion for agriculture, involvement

I would like to offer my endorsement of Shawn Dygert as a representative of our district.

I’ve known Shawn for more than 15 years and have a great respect for him as a family man. He and his wife Annette have raised four great boys to be responsible men.

Shawn is a patriotic American who loves his country and has given much to our community both as an individual and as a schoolteacher. He has taught Ag for many, many years in Kuna High School and has deep agricultural roots. Shawn would be a staunch supporter of agricultural interests and would be a great representative for us.

Jon Mortensen
Melba (Wilson)

Honest, hard-working Holton right choice for District 1

I am writing to show my support for Walt Holton, who is running for the Owyhee County Commissioner District 1 seat. I believe he is the best candidate for this seat, without exception. I first met Walt when we were both elected to serve on the Owyhee County Republican Committee for the Marsing Precincts. During our time on the committee we have gotten to know each other very well and I am proud to call him my friend. I can attest that he is an honest and moral man who stands by his convictions.

When Sheriff Perry [Grant] resigned from his position and Commissioner Merrick passed away, God rest his soul, it was the committee’s job to vet a list of candidates to submit to the county commissioners for interim sheriff and to the Governor’s office for the open commission seat. He took this task very seriously and vetted every candidate with the seriousness that the task required. He asked pertinent questions during the vetting process that helped the

committee chose the best candidate for each position. He also authored a well-studied resolution regarding the nullification of treaties by our state government illegally adopted by our federal government. This resolution will be presented at the summer meeting of the Idaho State Republican Party.

Walt and I really became good friends through our many personal conversations regarding the Bible and the Founding Fathers vision of government, he knows both very well. I can say with conviction that Walt Holton is the best person for Owyhee County Commissioner District 1 because I know he is an honest, knowledgeable, hardworking man who will never be beholdng to special interest groups, except for God, family, and the citizens of Owyhee County.

Michael Nelson
South Marsing Republican Committeeman
Marsing

Elect truly conservative GOP committeemen

I am a Trump Delegate to the 2024 Republican National Convention and the Owyhee County Republican Central Committee Chair, and I am personally endorsing grassroots conservative Republicans for precinct committeemen. On May 21st, please join me in voting for Mike Aebischer and Rich Curtis - Homedale, Walt Holton and Greg Blodgett - Marsing, Louis Monson - Wilson, Heidi Murphy - Murphy, Andrea Owens - Grand View, and Erica Beus - Riddle.

The 2024 election of President Trump is one of the most important elections of our lifetime. We are fighting liberal ideologues for the sovereignty of this nation and for traditional conservative values. If conservatives don’t take back the decision-making power in this country — our future and our children will be governed by destructive socialist ideals for decades to come.

The old Republican guard have decided grassroots conservative values are too extreme. Instead of listening to the people, they’re keeping company with Democrats and chasing the almighty dollar controlled by lobbyists, PACs and big corporations. They are actively working to replace the conservative voice in the Republican Party with leftists and moderates, who will water down the Idaho Republican Platform and be a stumbling block to President Trump’s priorities. They are the Liz Cheney’s and Mitch McConnell’s of Idaho.

Owyhee County was built by hard working Americans’ who know this nation and our U.S. Constitution are worth fighting for. Please help by electing grassroots conservatives to every level of office, starting with your local precinct committeemen. Men and women who will actually represent your conservative values, the U.S. and Idaho Constitutions, and President Trump.

On May 21st, please vote for America First candidates! If you have questions, give me a call, (208) 590-4203.

May God bless America and Owyhee County!

Tammy Payne
Grand View

Owyhee needs McRae’s homegrown representation

Trent McRae is an experienced, successful, no-nonsense prosecutor who is ready to work hard for

Election 2024: Citizens’ voices

✓ Letters

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Owyhee County.

After contacting a number of Trent’s colleagues and Canyon County law enforcement officials, I know Trent is the right man for Owyhee County Prosecutor. Those contacted said Trent is a fair, hard-working prosecutor, who aggressively seeks justice. The officers said their experience with Trent “was good and that he is actually a prosecutor who values the work of the officers” when prosecuting criminal cases.

Trent is the only qualified candidate who was raised in and lives in Owyhee County. He is respected for his conservative values, and he represents our rural Idaho way of life. His opponent does not live in Owyhee County, and has had two years to move here.

It seems because of redistricting and outside political factions, Owyhee County and rural Idaho is losing its voice to urban interests, and it’s becoming more and more important that our elected officials live in the communities they represent. Our republic is based on citizen representation. For some reason, the prosecutor position is exempt from having to reside in the county until 30 days before the general election. At least that is how the Idaho Secretary of State’s Office interprets it. Every other elected Owyhee County official is required to live in our county.

I believe Trent McRae will do an outstanding job for Owyhee County as our prosecutor. He is an experienced prosecutor, respected by his colleagues and community, and is dedicated to public service and justice.

I ask you to vote for Trent McRae for Prosecutor on May 21st.
Tom Payne
Grand View

Shawn Dygert is the ideal choice for District 23

In the realm of Idaho politics, where the values of integrity, dedication, and service reign supreme, Shawn Dygert emerges as the quintessential candidate to represent District 23. With a proven track record of community engagement, a deep understanding of local issues, and a steadfast commitment to the welfare of his constituents, Dygert stands out as the best choice to lead the district forward into a prosperous and sustainable future.

Dygert’s passion for agriculture extends beyond the confines of the classroom, as he actively engages with the broader agricultural community to promote innovation, collaboration, and sustainability. Through partnerships with local farmers, businesses, and organizations, Dygert exposes his students to real-world challenges and opportunities in the agricultural

industry, empowering them to become proactive agents of change and innovation in their communities. His dedication to promoting agricultural literacy and advocacy not only benefits his students but also strengthens the agricultural industry as a whole, ensuring its continued vitality and relevance in the 21st century.

In conclusion, Shawn Dygert embodies the qualities of the ideal candidate to represent District 23, Idaho. His unwavering dedication to serving the needs of his constituents, coupled with his practical experience, policy expertise, and personal integrity, make him the best choice to lead the district forward into a brighter and more prosperous future. As District 23 residents head to the polls, they can rest assured that a vote for Dygert is a vote for principled leadership, genuine compassion, and a steadfast commitment to building a stronger community for all.

Please join me on May 21st and vote for Dygert.
Jason Sevy
Marsing

Don’t vote for those who failed to ban DIY abortions

Idahoans,
No Republican legislator currently in office is worthy of your vote.

While voting for H374, instead of retaining God in their knowledge, every Idaho Republican legislator retained legislative permission for mothers to murder their preborn babies using what is known as DIY abortions. This is when preborn babies are murdered by their mothers with chemical abortions.

SECTION 2 of (Section 18-622 {#5}) of Idaho HOUSE BILL NO.374 (2023) - Criminal abortions, exceptions says: “Nothing in this section shall be construed to subject a pregnant woman on whom any abortion is performed or attempted to any criminal conviction and penalty.” (2020)

H374 gives other exceptions as to when, where and how mothers may kill their own offspring.

Every single Republican legislator in attendance voted for this. Christians are largely responsible for voting for these Republicans.

This is unacceptable!
Dear Christian, God has commanded you to do justice, to love mercy, and to walk humbly with your God!

We cannot be voting for these people.
Tell Idaho legislators to only support equal protection and equal justice. Tell them again and again if you need to.

Tell the people you fellowship with that they cannot be voting for these people that have blood on their hands.

Isaiah 1:14-17: “Your new moons and your appointed feasts my soul hates; they have become a burden to me; I am weary of bearing them. When you spread out your hands, I will hide my eyes from you; even though you make many prayers, I will not listen; your hands are full of blood. Wash yourselves; make yourselves clean; remove the evil of your deeds from before my eyes; cease to do evil, learn to do good; seek justice, correct oppression; bring justice to the fatherless, plead the widow’s cause.”

Sophia Grigg
Homedale

Sheriff issues compassionate email wake of tragedy

This private internal email was to staff ONLY and never intended for the public. As a retired dispatcher, I chose to share it. I’ve read many; none as personal and as sincere as this one:

Team,
As most of you know, Ada County Deputy Tobin Bolter was shot shortly before 9 p.m. last night while making a traffic stop. The driver, a 65-year-old male, shot Deputy Bolter as he approached the vehicle. Deputy Bolter died this morning from the gunshot wound. Another deputy is in stable condition after crashing his vehicle while responding to the officer down call.

The suspect was later shot and killed by Boise Police.

This is a very tragic and sorrowful time for Deputy Tobin’s family and the Ada County Sheriff’s Office. Please keep them in your prayers.

Deputies, traffic stops are the most dangerous activity you do. This world isn’t what it used to be, so please be careful out there. There are people out there who mean you harm. Our county is unique in that we have many drivers from out of the county and out of the state, and from all different walks of life. Keep your head on a swivel and trust no one.

I want you all to know how appreciative I am of the jobs you do. For deputies, the threat of physical harm is very real. That being said, there isn’t a single one of you who will escape this profession without being emotionally scarred from the things you witness, hear, see, or are forced to do. We silently endure it so others don’t have to, Dispatchers and Deputies alike. I am proud of you all for the sacrifices you make daily. Blessed are the peacemakers.

*God bless you,
Larry Kendrick, Sheriff, Owyhee County*

Dee Gregory
Marsing

Contacting elected officials

County commissioners Jerry Hoagland, District 1 (R-Wilson) Phone — (208) 318-8308 Email — jlhoagland@co.owyhee.id.us Term expires 2024 Kelly Aberasturi, District 2 (R-Homedale) Phone — (208) 249-4405 E-mail — kaberasturi@co.owyhee.id.us Term expires 2026 Cindy Bachman, District 3 (R-Bruneau) Phone — (208) 207-0331 E-mail — cbachman@co.owyhee.id.us Term expires 2024	Mailing address P.O. Box 128, Murphy, ID 83650 Municipalities Homedale City Hall 31 W. Wyoming Ave., (208) 337-4641 Mayor — Gheen Christoffersen City council — Mike Aebischer (president), Kimberly Murray, Steve Atkins, and Aaron Tines Meetings — 6 p.m., on second Wednesday Marsing City Hall 18 Sandbar Ave., (208) 896-4122 Mayor — Hayzen Corder	City council — Chris Even (president), Lynette Enrico, Elizabeth Wahl and Brandy Johnson Meetings — 7 p.m., on second Wednesday Grand View City Hall 425 Boise Ave., (208) 834-2700 Open noon to 4:30 p.m., Mon.-Thurs. Mayor — Jon Pennington City council — Terry Nielson (president), Andrea Owens, Tom Payne, and Mike Smith Meetings — 6 p.m., on second Wednesday City council — Terry Nielson (president), Andrea Owens, Tom Payne, and Mike Smith Meetings — 6 p.m., on second Wednesday
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Michelle Smart, Treasurer



Vote May 21st
for
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Precinct Committeemen & Committeewomen!

Keep Owyhee County Republican Leadership Conservative

Mike Aebischer – North Homedale

Rich Curtis – South Homedale

Walt Holton – North Marsing

Greg Blodgett – South Marsing

Tim Lowry – Pleasant Valley

Louis Monson – Wilson

Heidi Murphy – Murphy

Brecca Hipwell – Oreana

Andrea Owens – Grand View

Erica Beus – Riddle

Tom Payne is responsible for this ad.

EXPERIENCE MATTERS
KNOW THE DIFFERENCE



As a voter, understanding what sets your candidates apart is critical to making the right, and informed decision. **Chris Topmiller** has been a **Prosecutor for 25 years**, his opponent has just 7 years of experience.

Chris Topmiller for Owyhee County Prosecutor

EXPERIENCE & SKILL	TOPMILLER	MCRAE
Conservative Values	✓	✓
University of Idaho Law Graduate	✓	✓
Juvenile Case Experience	✓	✓
Misdemeanor Trial Experience	✓	?
Adult Felony Case Experience	✓	✗
Adult Murder Case Experience	✓	✗
Jury Trial Experience	✓	?
Misdemeanor Supervisor	✓	✗
Felony Case Supervisor	✓	✗
25+ years' experience as a Prosecutor	✓	✗
County Budget Management	✓	✗

The difference is clear and experience matters. Owyhee County deserves a Prosecutor with the right qualifications and experience to protect our community, uphold the rule of law, and hold people accountable. Choose the right candidate for the job. **Vote Topmiller May 21st.**

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NOTICE OF PRIMARY ELECTION

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN: That the election will be held on Tuesday, May 21, 2024. The election will be held to elect the following offices:

- **United States Senator**

- **United States Representative – Dist. 1**

- **Magistrate Court Justice**

- **Legislative Dist. #23 State Senator**

- **State Representative #23 – Position A**

- **State Representative #23 – Position B**
- County Commissioner, Dist. 1

- County Commissioner, Dist. 3

- County Prosecuting Attorney

- County Sheriff

- Precinct Committeeman

On Election Day, the polls will be open from 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. at the following designated precinct polling place:

1. Precinct 001 & 002 – North & South Homedale

a. Owyhee County Community Center

423 West Nevada Ave

Homedale, ID 83628

2. Precincts 003 & 004 – North & South Marsing

a. Phipps-Watson American Legion Hall

126 Old Bruneau Highway

Marsing, ID 83639

3. Precinct 006 – Wilson

a. Wilson School House

10427 Johnston Lane

Melba, ID 83641

4. Precinct 007 – Murphy

a. Owyhee County Museum & Library

17085 Basey Street

Murphy, ID 83650

5. Precinct 008 – Oreana

a. Oreana Community Hall

18092 Oreana Loop Road

Oreana, ID 83650
6. Precinct 009 – Grand View

a. Grand View Community Center

501 Idaho Ave

Grand View, ID 83624

7. Precinct 010 – Bruneau

a. Bruneau American Legion Hall

32536 Belle Ave

Bruneau, ID 83605

8. Precincts 005, 011, & 012 (mail-in)

– Pleasant Valley, Riddle, & Three Creek

a. Owyhee County Courthouse

20381 State Highway 78

Murphy, ID 83650

9. Precinct 013 - Absentee

a. Owyhee County Courthouse

20381 State Highway 78

PO Box 128

Murphy, ID 83650

Angela Barkell, Owyhee County Clerk
05/08,15/2024

BOARD OF OWYHEE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS April 2024 Synopsis April 1

- Approved Mt. Home AFB Road Maintenance Agreement Modification.
- Approved claims report as presented in the amount of \$264,378.96: Current Expenses-\$30,610; R&B Fund-\$708; Dist. Court-\$1,233; Probation-\$631; Health Dist.-\$9,316; I&C\$12,000; Junior College Tuition-\$150; Revaluation-\$443; Solid Waste-\$10,356; Waterways Fund-\$116; Off Highway Vehicles-\$29; Capital Project Fund / ARPA-\$194,786; Emergency Medical Services-\$4,000.
- Approved minutes from the March 25, 2024 meeting.
- Approved DataWorks Maintenance Agreement for the Jail Fingerprint Machine in the amount of \$4,523.50, with the Chairman’s signature for the Board.
- Approved DataWorks Maintenance Agreement for the Sheriff’s Office Fingerprint Machine in the amount of \$2,743.00, with the Chairman’s signature for the Board.
- Approved Sheriff’s Office new hire of Justin Herman for full-time patrol deputy, at the pay rate of \$24.00 per hour, effective April 8, 2024.
- Approved ‘Graduation from POST Academy’ pay raise for Detention Deputy Brant Monahan from \$20.29 to \$21.00 per hour, effective April 8, 2024.
- Approved ‘Graduation from POST Academy’ pay raise for Detention Deputy Tyrell Lowe from \$20.29 to \$21.00.
- Approved reassignment of Tabetha Bailey from Department of Motor Vehicles with the Assessor’s Office to Civil

- Clerk with the Sheriff’s Office, remaining at the pay rate of \$21.53, effective Aril 8, 2024.
- Approved The BanCorp Bank end of lease buy out and title transfers for eleven (11) Sheriff’s Vehicles.
- Approved tax, solid waste, & penalty cancellations for MH03N05W14313C - \$36.76, 63.00, & 2.54; MH03N05W14313F - \$9.96, 63.00, & 1.86; and solid waste cancellation for MH03N05W24071B - \$63.00. For totals of \$46.72, 189.00, & 4.40.
- Accepted the Auditor’s Report for fiscal year 2023 from Zwygart, John, & Associates.
- Approved Board support the IU County Extension Office in its endeavor to hire a Range Livestock Educator.
- Recessed at 11:31 a.m. as BOCC and reconvene as Board of Equalization for Hardship Tax Cancellation from Steve & Nadine Givens.
- Approved Hardship Tax Cancellation for 2023 in the amount of \$3,913.65 for parcel RP01N03W213000 Steve & Nadine Givens.
- Recessed at 12:05 p.m. as Board of Equalization and reconvene as BOCC.
- Approved not adopting the Proposed County RV Ordinance amendments. Commissioner Aberasturi opposed.

April 8

- Approved claims report as presented in the amount of \$192,493.13: Current Expenses-\$33,430; R&B Fund-\$1,107; Dist. Court-\$3,032; Fair, Grounds & Buildings-\$171; Probation-\$188; I&C-\$5,986; Revaluation-\$845; Solid Waste-\$12,349; Weeds-\$14,258; Waterways Fund-\$ 479; Capital Project Fund / ARPA-

- \$120,563; Interlock Device Fund-\$86.
- Approved minutes from the April 1, 2024 meeting.
- Approved the County Comment on APHIS Proposed Cricket Plan, Alternative B.
- Approved County Resolution 2024-11– Proclamation in Support of Idaho’s Hidden Heroes.
- Approved Owyhee County Fair Board re Letter of Resignation from Jake Astorquia.
- Approved 2025 Liquor License Renewal No. 1 for Golden Ocean Chinese Restaurant in Homedale.

April 15

- Approved sending a Comment letter to BLM re Grand View Travel Management Plan.
- Approved claims report as presented in the amount of \$57,077.60: Current Expenses-\$30,093; R&B Fund-\$4,766; Dist. Court-\$391; Probation-\$15; Historical Society & Museum-\$1,476; I&C-\$8,802; Solid Waste-\$324; 911-\$1,800; Waterways Fund-\$30; Election Fund, Taxing Districts-\$62; Capital Project Fund / ARPA-\$8,461; Court Facilities-\$858.
- Approved minutes from the April 8, 2024 meeting.
- Approved the Idaho Office of Emergency Management 2023 Sub recipient Agreement re Hazard Mit Plan Update for an additional \$60,000, with the Chairman’s signature for the Board.
- Approved sending a Thank You Letter to Jake Astorquia for his years of service on the County’s Fair Board.
- Approved the Memorandum of Understanding between the County and the County Fair Board.
- Approved Planning & Zoning’s new hire of Mary Ann Butler at

- \$22.85 per hour, effective April 15, 2024.
- Approved the Assessors’ new hire of Danielle Hixon for the DMV at \$16.45 per hour, effective April 15, 2024.
- Approved the following 2025 Liquor License Renewals Nos. 2-11 - Extra Mile #176, Jackson’s Food Stores in Marsing; Extra Mile #4, Jackson’s Food Stores in Homedale; The Idaho Hotel in Silver City; Family Dollar #30526 in Marsing; Family Dollar #27059 in Homedale; Pairadice Café & Lounge in Marsing; Bruneau One Stop in Bruneau.
- Approved certificate of residency 24-07 to the College of Western Idaho.

April 22

- Approved claims report as presented in the amount of \$41,905.15: Current Expenses-\$25,835; R&B Fund-\$1,135; Dist. Court-\$500; Probation-\$750; I&C-\$633; Solid Waste-\$148; 911-\$12,582; County Vessel Fund-\$261; Off Highway Vehicles-\$60.
- Approved the minutes from the April 15, 2024 meeting.
- Approved Change Order #1 – additional valves & increase building size for the Fairgrounds Well House & Piping project in the amount of \$5,143.00.
- Approved 2024 Liquor License #24 Transfer from Last Chance Saloon in Homedale to Liberty Lounge in Homedale.
- Approved the Sheriff’s Office new hire of Chase S. Rhodes for full-time Detention Deputy, at the pay rate of \$21.32 per hour, effective April 29, 2024.
- Approved the Sheriff’s Office new hire of Julie Morgan for full-time dispatch at the pay rate of \$23.00 per hour, effective April 22, 2024.
- Approved the Sheriff’s Office ‘Graduation from POST Academy’ pay raise for Patrol Deputy James Ferdinand from \$21.83 to 22.38 per hour, effective April 22, 2024.
- Approved the Sheriff’s Office reassignment of Paula Rhodes from part-time to full-time Dispatch Supervisor at the pay rate of \$26.00 per hour, effective April 29, 2024.
- Approved the Sheriff’s Office reassignment of Tearsy Freeman from full-time to part-time dispatch, remaining at the pay rate of \$21.90 per hour, effective May 4, 2024.
- Approved the following 2025 Liquor License Renewals Nos. 12 & 13 - Fisher’s Saloon in Homedale and Idaho Pizza Company in Homedale.
- At 9:29 a.m. went into executive session pursuant to Idaho Code §74-206 (a) personnel. Open session was resumed at 9:43 a.m. No action was taken.
- Approved \$6,400 from the general reserve line (with one-time funding to be provided by University of Idaho) for a seasonal, part-time educator for the County Extension Office, from May 12 - August 10, 2024.
- Approved Natural Recourse Director Desmond writing a letter from the Board to send to the Governor Little, APHIS, and ISDA regarding the need for an immediate plan of action for the treatment of Mormon crickets and grasshoppers.

05/15/2024

**IDAHO DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY
LEGAL NOTICE
OF CATEGORICAL**

EXCLUSION FOR THE CITY OF GRAND VIEW WASTEWATER IMPROVEMENT PROJECT

The Idaho Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) has determined that the proposed wastewater improvement project for the City of Grand View, Owyhee County, Idaho, conforms to the State Environmental Review Process (SERP), “Rules for Administration of Wastewater and Drinking Water Loan Funds” (IDAPA 58.01.12) and “Rules for Administration of Planning Grants for Drinking Water and Wastewater Facilities” (IDAPA 58.01.22) by which the project is eligible for a categorical exclusion. Accordingly, the project is exempted from further substantive environmental review requirements.

- Project Description:
- Upgrading collection system;
 - Upgrading existing lagoons;
 - Constructing a new 2.24-acre cell;
 - Installing a new control building; and
 - Replacing lift stations.

Copies of the notice of Cat Ex and the environmental information document upon which it is based are available for public review by submitting a public records request, pursuant to Idaho Code § 74-101, et seq. A request may be submitted at <https://www.deq.idaho.gov/public-records-request/>.

The records may also be available for public review at the following location:
City of Grand View
PO Box 69
Grand View, ID 83624
Contact: Kathy Brown, City Clerk/Treasurer, at (208) 834-2700 or cityofgrandview@speedyquick.net
05/15/2024

NOTICE TO CREDITORS IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT OF THE STATE OF IDAHO, IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF OWYHEE

Magistrate Division, Murphy Section
[Idaho Code § 15-3-801(a)]
Case No. CV37-24-00115
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF
EDWARD F. CHADEZ,
a/k/a EDWARD CHADEZ and
EDWARD FELIX CHADEZ,
Deceased.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that CHARLES E. CHADEZ has been appointed personal representative of the above-named decedent, EDWARD F. CHADEZ. All persons having claims against the decedent or the estate are required to present their claims within four (4) months after the date of the first publication of this notice or said claims will be forever barred. **Claims must be both (1) presented to the personal representative of the estate at the law offices of White, Peterson, Gigray & Nichols, P.A., 5700 East Franklin Road, Suite 200, Post Office Box 247, Nampa, Idaho (ID) 83653-0247, and (2) filed with the Clerk of the Court.**

DATED 6th day of May, 2024.
Philip A. Peterson
Attorney for:
Charles E. Chadez
Personal Representative
05/15,22,29/2024

Public notices

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE’S SALE

To be sold for cash at a Trustee’s Sale on August 29, 2024, 09:00 AM in the Lobby, Owyhee County Courthouse, 20381 Highway 78, Murphy, ID 83650, the following described real property situated in Owyhee County, State of Idaho (“Real Property”):

In Township 1 North, Range 3 West, Boise Meridian, Owyhee County, Idaho Section 17: All that part of Government Lot 6 lying South and West of State Highway No. 78

Commonly known as: 10977 State Highway 78, Melba, ID 83641

Chad E. Adair and Katrina D. Adair, as Trustors conveyed Real Property via a Trust Deed dated May 31, 2018, in favor of Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as Beneficiary, as nominee for HomeBridge Financial Services, Inc. DBA Real Estate Mortgage Network, its successors and assigns as Beneficiary, in which Aldridge Pite LLP was named as Trustee.

The Trust Deed was recorded in Owyhee County, Idaho, on June 1, 2018, as Instrument No. 296222, and corrected pursuant to the Affidavit recorded on April 4, 2024, as Instrument No. 317327, of Official Records. The Deed of Trust was assigned for value as follows: Assignee: Freedom Mortgage Corporation Assignment Dated: April 28, 2021 Assignment Recorded: May 5, 2021 Assignment Recording Information: Instrument No. 307688

Shelly M. Casares f/k/a Shelly M. Espinosa is the Successor Trustee pursuant to a Substitution of Trustee recorded in the office of the Clerk and Recorder of Owyhee, State of Idaho on March 4, 2020 at Instrument No. 302785, of Official Records.

The Beneficiary has declared a default in the terms of said Deed of Trust due to Trustor’s failure to make monthly payments beginning October 1, 2023, and each month subsequent, which monthly installments would have been applied on the principal and interest due on said obligation and other charges against the property or loan. By reason of said default, the Beneficiary has declared all sums owing on the obligation secured by said Trust Deed immediately due and payable.

The total amount due on this obligation is the principal sum of \$156,695.65, interest in the sum of \$5,062.99, escrow advances of \$328.95, other amounts due and payable in the amount of \$3,512.33, for a total amount owing of \$165,599.92, plus accruing interest, late charges, and other fees and costs that may be incurred or advanced. The Beneficiary anticipates and may disburse such amounts as may be required to preserve and protect the property and for real property taxes that may become due or delinquent, unless such amounts of taxes are paid by the Trustors. If such amounts are paid by the Beneficiary, the amounts or taxes will be added to the obligations secured by the Deed of Trust. Other expenses to be charged against the proceeds of this sale include the Trustee’s fees and attorney’s fees, costs and expenses of the sale, and late charges, if any.

Beneficiary has elected, and has directed the Trustee to sell

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Sample ballots disclaimer

Because of space constraints, the sample ballots in this week’s The Owyhee Avalanche are condensed versions of the primary ballots that voters will see at the polls on Tuesday. While each political party’s candidate may appear a single ballot in the sample ballots here, on Tuesday voters will receive ballots listing only the candidates for office for the political party for which they are registered. — Ed.

OWYHEE COUNTY	STATE OF IDAHO	MAY 21, 2024	
SAMPLE PRIMARY ELECTION BALLOT			
INSTRUCTIONS TO VOTER To vote, completely fill in the oval (●) next to the candidate or measure of your choice with black or blue pen. Write-ins are allowed when there is a qualified write-in candidate. Fill in the oval next to "Write-in" space and print the full name of the candidate. If you make a mistake, request a new ballot from an election worker. 	CANDIDATES FOR COUNTY OFFICES COUNTY COMMISSIONER DISTRICT 1 2 Year Term (Vote for One) No Candidate Declared - CON No Candidate Declared - DEM No Candidate Declared - LIB ☐ Lath Callaway - REP ☐ Walt Holton - REP	NONPARTISAN BALLOT JUSTICE OF THE SUPREME COURT TO SUCCEED JUSTICE G. Richard Bevan 6 Year Term (Vote for One) ☐ G. Richard Bevan JUDGE OF THE COURT OF APPEALS TO SUCCEED JUDGE David W. Gratton 6 Year Term (Vote for One) ☐ David W. Gratton TO SUCCEED JUDGE Jessica Marie Lorello 6 Year Term (Vote for One) ☐ Jessica Marie Lorello CANDIDATES FOR PARTY OFFICE PRECINCT COMMITTEEMAN (Vote for One) No Candidate Declared - CON No Candidate Declared - DEM No Candidate Declared - LIB North Homedale Robin Aberasturi - REP Michael Aebischer - REP South Homedale Rich Curtis - REP Jennifer Riha - REP North Marsing Walt Holton - REP Lavada Loucks - REP South Marsing Greg Blodgett - REP K. Scott Jensen - REP Pleasant Valley Tim Lowry - REP Wilson Stephanie Duckett - REP Louis Monson - REP Murphy Brenda Richards - REP Heidi Murphy - REP Oreana Brecca Hipwell - REP Grand View Brandi Long - REP Andrea Owens - REP Bruneau Sidney Erwin - REP Pamela Landis - REP Riddle Erica Beus - REP Ruth Jackson - REP Three Creek Paula Brackett - REP	
	CANDIDATES FOR UNITED STATES OFFICE UNITED STATES REPRESENTATIVE DISTRICT 1 (Vote for One) ☐ Brendan J. Gomez - CON ☐ Kaylee Peterson - DEM ☐ Matt Loesby - LIB ☐ Russ Fulcher - REP	COUNTY COMMISSIONER DISTRICT 3 4 Year Term (Vote for One) No Candidate Declared - CON No Candidate Declared - DEM No Candidate Declared - LIB ☐ Cindy L Bachman - REP ☐ Michelle Spencer - REP	
	CANDIDATES FOR LEGISLATIVE OFFICES STATE SENATOR DISTRICT 23 (Vote for One) ☐ Paul Smith - CON ☐ Paul Morgan - DEM No Candidate Declared - LIB ☐ Todd Lakey - REP	COUNTY SHERIFF (Vote for One) No Candidate Declared - CON No Candidate Declared - DEM No Candidate Declared - LIB ☐ Larry Kendrick - REP ☐ Tim Riha - REP	
	STATE REPRESENTATIVE DISTRICT 23 SEAT A (Vote for One) No Candidate Declared - CON ☐ Don Harrington - DEM No Candidate Declared - LIB ☐ Chris Bruce - REP Melissa Durrant - REP	COUNTY PROSECUTING ATTORNEY (Vote for One) No Candidate Declared - CON No Candidate Declared - DEM No Candidate Declared - LIB ☐ Chris Topmiller - REP ☐ Trenton A. McRae - REP	
	STATE REPRESENTATIVE DISTRICT 23 SEAT B (Vote for One) No Candidate Declared - CON ☐ Julissa Melendez Castellanos - DEM No Candidate Declared - LIB ☐ Shawn R Dygert - REP ☐ Tina Lambert - REP	Note 1: Precinct Committeemen candidates will only on the ballots for their corresponding precincts.	
Note 2: The order of candidates on this sample ballot may not reflect the rotation in your precinct on election day			

Public notices

Sample ballots disclaimer

Because of space constraints, the sample ballots in this week’s The Owyhee Avalanche are condensed versions of the primary ballots that voters will see at the polls on Tuesday. While each political party’s candidate may appear a single ballot in the sample ballots here, on Tuesday voters will receive ballots listing only the candidates for office for the political party for which they are registered. — Ed.

For eligible voters in Glenns Ferry Joint School District #192	For eligible voters in Bruneau Grand View Joint School District No. 365	For eligible voters in Joint School District No. 417																								
BALLOT MEASURES	BALLOT MEASURES	BALLOT MEASURES																								
GLENN'S FERRY JOINT SCHOOL DISTRICT #192	BRUNEAU GRAND VIEW JOINT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 365	JOINT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 417																								
SUPPLEMENTAL LEVY The purpose for which the proposed levy revenues will be used and the approximate amount of levy funds to be allocated for each use are as follows: <table><tr><th>Purpose</th><th>Approximate Amount Allocated</th></tr><tr><td>Staffing</td><td>\$225,000.00</td></tr><tr><td>Curriculum</td><td>\$55,000.00</td></tr><tr><td>Facility</td><td>\$45,000.00</td></tr><tr><td>Technology</td><td>\$25,000.00</td></tr><tr><td>Total</td><td>\$350,000.00</td></tr></table> Shall the Board of Trustees of Glenns Ferry Joint School District #192, Elmore & Owyhee Counties, Idaho, be authorized and empowered to levy a supplemental levy, as permitted by Idaho Code §33-802(3), in the amount of \$350,000 (Three Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars), per year for two (2) years commencing with the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2024 and ending June 30, 2026 for the purpose of financing any lawful expenses of maintaining and operating the schools of the District; all as provided in the Resolution of the Board of Trustees of Glenns Ferry Joint School District #192 adopted on March 13th, 2024. The estimated average annual cost to the taxpayer on the proposed levy is a tax of \$71.00 per \$100,000 of taxable assessed value, per year, based on current conditions. Currently, the District collects a supplemental levy that costs \$69.00 per \$100,000 of taxable assessed value, and the current levy will expire on June 30, 2024, so the proposed levy, if approved, produces a net increase of \$2.00 per \$100,000 of taxable assessed value based on current conditions. ☐ IN FAVOR ☐ AGAINST	Purpose	Approximate Amount Allocated	Staffing	\$225,000.00	Curriculum	\$55,000.00	Facility	\$45,000.00	Technology	\$25,000.00	Total	\$350,000.00	SUPPLEMENTAL MAINTENANCE AND OPERATION LEVY The purposes for which the proposed levy revenues will be used and the approximate amount of levy funds to be allocated to each use are as follows: <table><tr><th>Purpose</th><th>Approximate Amount Allocated</th></tr><tr><td>Salaries/Benefits</td><td>\$474,509</td></tr><tr><td>Technology Services/Supplies/Equipment</td><td>\$65,500</td></tr><tr><td>Athletics/Salaries/Benefits/Supplies/Tournaments</td><td>\$92,992</td></tr><tr><td>Ground Maintenance/Building Care Supplies</td><td>\$16,999</td></tr><tr><td>TOTAL ANNUAL LEVY AMOUNT</td><td>\$650,000</td></tr></table> QUESTION: Shall the Board of Trustees of Bruneau Grand View Joint School District No. 365, Owyhee and Elmore Counties be authorized to levy a Supplemental Maintenance and Operation (M&O) Levy in the amount of SIX HUNDRED FIFTY THOUSAND (\$650,000), per year, for the next two years, for the total of ONE MILLION THREE HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$1,300,000), commencing with the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2024 and ending June 30, 2026, for the purposes stated above; all as provided in the Resolution adopted by the Board of Trustees on March 12, 2024. The estimated average annual cost to the taxpayer on the proposed levy is a tax of \$212.50 per \$100,000 of taxable assessed value, per year, based on current conditions. ☐ IN FAVOR ☐ AGAINST	Purpose	Approximate Amount Allocated	Salaries/Benefits	\$474,509	Technology Services/Supplies/Equipment	\$65,500	Athletics/Salaries/Benefits/Supplies/Tournaments	\$92,992	Ground Maintenance/Building Care Supplies	\$16,999	TOTAL ANNUAL LEVY AMOUNT	\$650,000	SPECIAL BOND ELECTION Shall the Board of Trustees of joint School District No. 417, Twin Falls and Owyhee Counties, State of Idaho ("Board") be authorized to issue general obligation school bonds of said District, in one or more series, in a principal amount not to exceed \$8,250,000 for the purpose of constructing a new competition gym with three attached classrooms, site drainage repairs, and other campus improvements, such series of bonds to become due in such installments as may be fixed by the Board, for a term not to exceed twenty years, all as provided in the Resolution adopted by the Board on March 20, 2024. The interest rate anticipated on the proposed bond issue is 3.75% per annum. The net bond cost estimated to be repaid over the life of the bonds, based on the anticipated interest rate is \$8,661,631, calculated as follows: \$8,250,000 principal, plus \$3,618,500 in interest for a total bond cost of \$11,868,500, less \$3,206,869 received in estimated bond levy equalization payments and/or school district facilities funds. The term of the bond will not exceed 20 years. The District currently has no existing bonded indebtedness. The estimated average annual cost to the taxpayer on the proposed bond levy is a tax of \$193 per \$100,000 of taxable assessed value, per year, based on current conditions. ☐ IN FAVOR OF ☐ AGAINST VOTE BOTH SIDES
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the above described property to satisfy the obligation. The sale is a public sale and any person, including the Beneficiary, may bid at the sale. The bid price must be paid immediately upon the close of bidding by certified funds (valid money orders, certified checks or cashier’s checks). The conveyance will be made by Trustee’s Deed, without any representation or warranty, including warranty of title, express or implied, as the sale is made strictly on an as-is, where-is basis, without limitation, the sale is being made subject to all existing conditions, if any, of lead paint, mold or other environmental or health hazards.

The Trustors, successor in interest to the Trustors, or any other person having an interest in the property, or any person named in IRC § 45-1506, has the right, at any time prior to the Trustee’s Sale, to pay to the Beneficiary, or the successor in interest to the Beneficiary, the entire amount then due under the Deed of Trust and the obligation secured thereby (including costs and expenses actually incurred and attorney’s fees) other than such portion of the principal as would not then be due had no default occurred and by curing any other default complained of herein that is capable of being cured by tendering the performance required under the obligation or to cure the default, by paying all costs and expenses actually incurred in enforcing the obligation and Deed of Trust with Successor Trustee’s and attorney’s fees. In the event that all defaults are cured the foreclosure will be dismissed and the foreclosure sale will be canceled.

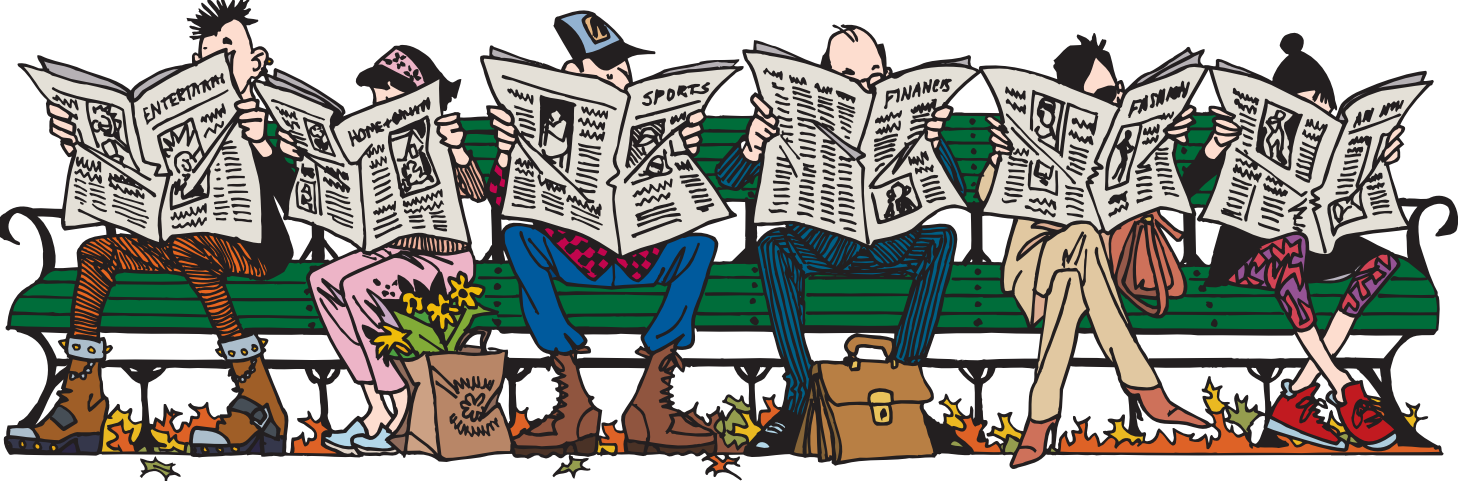
The scheduled Trustee’s Sale may be postponed by public proclamation up to 30 days for any reason. If the Trustee is unable to convey title for any reason, the successful bidder’s sole and exclusive remedy shall be the return of monies paid to the Successor Trustee and the successful bidder shall have no further recourse.

The above Trustors are named to comply with IRC § 45-1506(4) (a). No representation is made that they are, or are not, presently responsible for this obligation. This is an attempt to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose.

Dated this 16th day of April, 2024.

/s/:Shelly M. Casares f/k/a Shelly M. Espinosa
Substitute Trustee
376 East 400 South, Suite 300,
Salt Lake City, UT 84111
Telephone: 801-355-2886
Office Hours: Mon.-Fri., 8AM-5PM (MST)
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