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with day phone number.)


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Where to vote

Owyhee County polling places
for the 2006 election

The polls will be open in each precinct from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. on May 23 for the primary election

Homedale North precinct Homedale Senior Citizens Center 224 W. Idaho Ave. South precinct Magistrate Court-City Hall 31 W. Wyoming Ave.	Wilson Wilson Fire House 10427 Johnston Lane (Located off Idaho Highway 78) Murphy Owyhee County Courthouse 20381 State Hwy 78 Oreana Oreana Community Hall 18092 Oreana Loop Road Grand View Eastern Owyhee County Library 520 Boise Ave. Bruneau American Legion Hall	29776 Davis Road Mail ballot precincts Pleasant Valley Riddle Three Creek Note — Mail-in ballots must be received in the clerk's office by 8 p.m. on the day of the May 23 primary. Absentee ballot address Owyhee County Courthouse P.O. box 128 Murphy, ID 83650 Ballots must be received	by the county clerk by 5 p.m. next Wednesday Note — Those eligible to vote may register to participate in this election at their respective polling place on the day of the election. For more information, call the Owyhee County Clerk's office at (208) 495-2421 or (208) 337-5522. Eligible voters must be at least 18 years of age and have been a resident of Owyhee County for 30 days. When registering at a polling place, you must show a valid ID and proof of residency.
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Re-Elect

Brett Endicott

Owyhee County Assessor

- Idaho native, born and raised in Southwest Idaho
- Attended Boise Junior College and Blue Mountain Junior College
- Served in the U.S. Army
- Viet Nam veteran
- Married 35 years, father of 3, grandfather of 1
- Lived in Owyhe County 20 years, lives on 40 rural acres between Marsing and Homedale.
- Self employed in Ag related business 25 years prior to working in Assessor's office for the past 10 years, last 4 years as Owyhee County Assessor.
- Association of Idaho County Assessors, Chairman of Rules Committee, serves both Education Committee and Legislative Committee.
- Serves on the Owyhee Natural Resource Committee
- Member of the Stewards of the Range
- Member of Professional Rodeo Cowboy Association
- Chairman for Owyhee County South Marsing Precinct
- Member of the Republican Central Committee



VOTE MAY 23



Paid for by committee to re-elect Brett Edicott, Steve Schultz treasurer.

Owyhee County clerk

Sherry Olson REPUBLICAN

Olson’s bio

Age: 46
Hometown: Murphy (born in Myrtle Point, Ore.)
Family: Husband Eddie; daughters, Larurena, Jamie and Christine; grandchildren, CJ, Clara and Jacob.
Occupation: Owyhee County Sheriff’s Office Records Clerk; former dispatch supervisor
Background: Public service experience. Education: Public Safety Education Association, verbal judo, leadership training, Emergency Medical Dispatch certification and Level III communications specialist.



Sherry Olson has been a resident of Owyhee County for 13 years and lives on a ranch with her family outside of Murphy. She has more than 10 years of experience in law enforcement working for the county sheriff and said she is proficient in skills requiring leadership, teamwork, training, customer service, communication, establishing priorities, multi-tasking and “split-ear.” “As you know, over the last few years we have heard many stories of laws not being followed, the budget not being published in a timely manner according to law; money spent and no clear answer for what happened to it,” Olson said. “I don’t know about you, but I would like to see leaders in our county offices that are willing to take responsibility and accountability for their actions. “Leaders that will make the citizens of Owyhee County feel like they are valued customers, not an inconvenience. I would like to see employees hired for their experience, not who they know. The ‘good ole boy’ system is not working very effectively, and it is time for Owyhee County taxpayers to have honest, reliable leaders.” Olson said her goals are to run an open office, excel in customer

service, serve the taxpayers with integrity, honesty and accountability, and use resources to assure the highest of compliance with Idaho Code. “I also would like to be able to do business over the lunch hour,” Olson said. “The citizens of Owyhee County have to drive too far not have that service afforded them. Isn’t that what the county offices are there for: to serve the citizens of Owyhee County with the least amount of inconvenience possible?” She said if elected she promises to do the job at hand with the utmost of integrity and honesty.

Charlotte Sherburn REPUBLICAN



Charlotte Sherburn moved to Owyhee County with her family in 1989 from Nevada. She has worked for the county for 13 years, including 11 in the clerk’s office. She said she was hired by Barbara Jayo as the deputy recorder and deputy welfare clerk. “When Barbara retired, I went to work for the sheriff’s office as the driver’s license clerk,” Sherburn said. “After two years, I left county employment to help my husband with a hay contracting business. I returned in 2000 as the deputy auditor and payroll clerk. I have held every position in the clerk’s office and understand them well.” Sherburn said being the clerk of the county holds a variety of responsibilities, including clerk to the commissioners, recorder, auditor, elections clerk and clerk of the district court. Another responsibility is supervision of the maintenance of the county courthouse. “It takes several years to learn and be competent at the jobs required of the position,” Sherburn said. “I have an excellent staff, who know their jobs and all work very hard for the good of the county.” Sherburn said she staffs nine employees, and has only increased the staff during her term by one part-time person who works two days a week in the clerk’s office and three days a week for the treasurer. “I enjoy my job and working with and for the taxpayers of the county,” Sherburn said. “The rapid growth our county is seeing is a challenge, and we are seeing an increased workload in each division.


“To change administration and elect a new clerk lacking the knowledge and having no prior work experience in the clerk’s office would have a large impact on the citizens of the county, as has happened in the past. I would ask that you re-elect me as your clerk and continue with strong leadership, honesty and the competency I have exhibited the past four years.” Sherburn said she has done her best in the past to save the taxpayers as much money as she possibly can and still provide the services needed.

Sherburn’s bio

Age: 52
Hometown: Murphy (raised in Nevada)
Family: Husband, Ted; daughters, Shawna and Amy; five grandchildren
Occupation: Owyhee County Clerk
Background: Worked for the county for 13 years

EDITOR’S NOTE

The Owyhee Avalanche has attempted to profile each of the major-party candidates facing opposition in the primary. In some cases, information wasn't provided by the candidates. In the case of third-party candidates, the Avalanche has attempted to provide basic information.



Vasquez for CONGRESS
“Secure our Borders — Secure our Future”
www.vasquezforidaho.org A PROVEN LEADER

As A VETERAN: Robert served as the DAV National Executive Committeeman from 1993–1995 and also served as Idaho’s Disabled American Veterans Department Commander in 1993.

As A SOLDIER: Robert joined the army at the age of 17, volunteering for Viet Nam, earning two Purple Hearts. As a first generation American his father served in WWII.

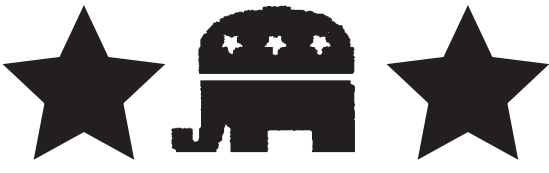
As CANYON COUNTY COMMISSIONER: Robert initiated an IAC™ resolution to require proof of citizenship before receiving medical indigent welfare.

*Paid for by Vasquez for Congress
Carol Mitchell,
Treasurer*

Jim Patrick for State Representative Dist. 23A



- Successful Farmer for 30 Years
- Believes strongly in Property and Water Rights for a stable society.
- Overtaxation and regulation will create an imbalance in local economies.



Vote
Jim Patrick
Tuesday, May 23

Paid by Paul Smith, Treas.

Owyhee County Commission, District 3

Chris Collett REPUBLICAN



‘Accountability is not happening right now ... ’
— Chris Collett

Chris Collett lives on a fifth-generation ranch in Oreana with her family. She is passionate when it comes to heritage, saying she feels the county was built on heritage.

“We are a part of it,” Collett said. “It is what makes this county unique: the generations of families that live here, work here and die here.”

Collett said she was not a rancher before meeting her husband, Brian, but once she began working the land, the county grabbed her heart and held on.

“This area just grabs you,” Collett said. “I can’t imagine living anywhere else. I am devoted to the area and to the people here.”

Collett graduated from Rimrock High School and has an administrative accounting degree from ITT Tech. She said she manages budgets on the ranch and is used to watching dollars very closely.

Collett worked in the county clerk’s office for about three years as deputy clerk and as a welfare director. She said she dealt with indigent and charity before she left the office.

“I want to be commissioner because always knew I would run for some kind of office,” Collett said. “I have always been drawn to politics.”

It is time for a change, Collett said. She said she wants to see communication opened up between the county and the taxpayers.

“I want to change that,” Collett said. “I would call them back if a message is left for a commissioner. I don’t think that is happening right now.”

“I know I won’t please everyone, but it frustrates me how much people don’t know what is going on in their county. We should have more articles in the papers about what is happening in our

county. The No. 1 thing for me is the communication.”

Collett said the top issue for her, besides communication, is the handling of the budget. She said she is “disturbed” by how the county currently pays its bills.

“I find it disturbing to see no one knows who is being paid, how they are paid and who approves those payments,” Collett said. “There are supposed to be stop-gaps, but that is not happening.”

Although Collett is a full-time mom and a rancher, she said she will have plenty of time to devote to the job of commissioner.

Collett also stresses the need for politicians to take responsibility for their decisions.

“Accountability is not happening right now because they don’t have an explanation for anything. It always seems to be someone else’s fault. If I take on the position, I will take on the responsibility.”

Collett’s bio

Age: 43

Hometown: Oreana (born in Hastings, Neb.)

Family: Husband, Brian; sons, Shawn and Bryce

Occupation: Rancher

Background: Former deputy clerk and welfare director for Owyhee County; bookkeeper for family ranch; president of Owyhee County Historical Society; 34-year Owyhee County resident after moving from Boise

Richard ‘Dick’ Freund REPUBLICAN



‘We need to follow our own rules.’
— Richard Freund

Richard Freund has worked for the citizens of Owyhee County as a deputy sheriff for 23 years. He feels he has developed skills that will be helpful in assisting the county grow into the 21st century.

“I have the ability to mediate, negotiate and communicate,” Freund said. “I believe these skills are absolutely essential in a representative of the citizens of Owyhee County.”

Freund says he plans to retire from the sheriff’s office if elected, which will give him the time to devote to doing the job as commissioner right.

“I think there are some things I can do to improve things,” he said. “I see some things I would like to change. We need to listen to the things that are going on around us.”

“We need to follow our own rules. Our policy manual has been hanging around here for years, and for the last year and half we have been working on changes.

Over the last couple of weeks, the commissioners have worked on changes, and then it gets put off. It has never been finished or updated.”

Freund said the policy manual affects every county employee. He warns that someday a problem will and there will be no adequate policy for reference.

“Some of the policy is not even up to state code,” Freund said. “With the system the way I perceive it, (the attitude is) ‘As long as it doesn’t bite us, why mess with it?’ Why not have it ready to go if it does happen?”

“I would rather be prepared. It is something we have always tried to foster in this department (the sheriff’s office): To have the equipment, have a policy and procedures that prepare you and training so if something happens you are prepared to handle it and deal with it. We work together in this department. It is a teamwork

atmosphere, and that is how we work.”

Freund said he feels the people of Owyhee County should be allowed to be more involved in decisions of the commissioners. He said excluding the citizens is leaving the county behind.

“There is a lot of expertise in this county,” Freund said. “I don’t see a lot of (the commissioners) going out and asking them what (the citizens) think.”

Freund says nine years as a Homedale schools trustee and his time in the sheriff’s office has given him experience with budgets. He said he also prepares budgets for his personal home.

“I don’t have an agenda or a bone to pick,” Freund said. “I would want to go and see where things are at before making any changes. ... Better communication between the people of the county and the commissioners is another issue. That is an absolute necessity.”

Freund’s bio

Age: 57

Family: Wife, Linda; son, Scott; daughters, Tiffany, Lori, Michelle and Brandi; six grandchildren

Hometown: Murphy (born in Montana)

Occupation: Chief Deputy for the Owyhee County Sheriff’s Office.

Background: Former Homedale school trustee. Has lived in Owyhee County for 30 years. Spent one year in Louisiana, six years in Elmore County and grew up in Montana. He spent 11 years in the Air Force and did two tours in Vietnam.



Jerry Hoaglund

Running unopposed for office

Commissioner, Dist. 1

Jerry Hoaglund REPUBLICAN

Jerry Hoaglund is unopposed in a bid to succeed Chris Salove.

Age: 58

Hometown: Wilson

Background: Melba High School graduate. Third-generation

Owyhee County rancher. Active member of the Owyhee County Natural Resources Committee, Owyhee Soil Conservation and Owyhee Cattlemen’s Association.

County coroner

Harvey Grimme REPUBLICAN

Harvey Grimme is unopposed in his quest for another term as Owyhee County coroner.

Family: Wife, Pat; two sons

Hometown: Marsing

Occupation: County coroner;

owns and operates Marsing Auto and Towing.

Background: Grimme has served as Owyhee County coroner for 17 years.

No photo available

Owyhee County Commission, District 3

Richard ‘Dick’ Reynolds REPUBLICAN



Dick Reynolds has been a county commissioner since 1999 and said he hopes to continue for another term.

Reynolds says he has given his heart to the position and “if God wants me to remain, I will do so.”

Reynolds, who is from the Bruneau area, has lived in the county for 34 years. He said although his is not considered a native of the area, Owyhee County is in his heart and in his blood.

“There are so many good things that have happened,” Reynolds said. “I want to be here to implement those things and

watch them happen.”

Reynolds name is among those signed to the Owyhee Initiative that has been in the works for nearly five years. He said when the work is done, the initiative will be a landmark in the United States.

“It will set a precedence,” Reynolds said. “The people of Owyhee County should be very proud of it. We just helped it along, but the people of the county are the ones to enact it.”

“We have some road issues that need to be taken care of and I want to be here to see those through.”

Another big accomplishment Reynolds cites is the closing of

the Rimrock Landfill. He said the recently completed project has been on his agenda for some time.

“We finally got it all done,” Reynolds said. “A lot of people put their valuable time into this project, and I don’t think I can ever thank them enough.”

“It has been a very great educational experience to see the people of Owyhee County so dedicated to their way of life. It is so amazing to see how they are so dedicated to each other,” Reynolds said. “The county is so diverse. You can spend most of your life here and you still can’t see it all.”

Reynolds’s bio

Age: 76

Hometown: Bruneau (born in Buhl; came to county in 1972)

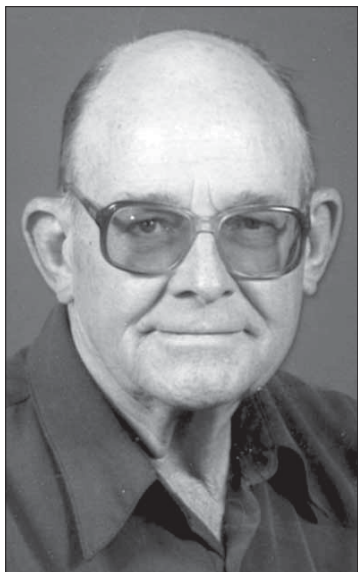
Family: Wife, Mary; son, Matthew; daughter, Jeannine

Occupation: Owyhee County commissioner; retired rancher who still works on the ranch

‘... if God wants me to remain, I will do so.’

— Dick Reynolds

Nick Ihli REPUBLICAN



Ihli’s bio

Age: 76

Hometown: Murphy

Family: Wife, Delores for 54 years. Three children, four grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

Occupation: Retired

Background: Former longtime county clerk and recorder

‘I am not afraid of work.’

— Nick Ihli

Nick Ihli was elected four times as county clerk and recorder after being appointed 1956. He is past president of the County Clerk Association and past president of the Idaho Title Association. He is a member of the Historical Society and was treasurer for many years. He was treasurer of the Silver City Taxpayers Association and is a member of the Owyhee County Cattlemen’s Association.

Ihli feels his experience of 16 years as county budget officer and clerk of the board of county commissioners gives him the advantage in the position.

He believes that communication and accountability has been a problem in the past with the commissioners. All accounts should be scrutinized before payment is made to avoid duplication, he said.

“The survey of county employee compensation, ordered by the commissioners, by an outside consultant was never adhered to completely and should be reconsidered,” Ihli said. “Also the transfer of county public records to the state historical society should be discontinued. These very important records have been found to be unretrievable

and the county museum now has adequate storage for these documents.”

Rapid growth in the county, as well as police protection, search and rescue, road maintenance and recreation are all huge problems, Ihli said. He said he will listen to all concerns and answer in a timely manner.

Ihli plans to keep a tight rein on county spending if elected.

“It is just a taxpayer apathy,” Ihli said. “It is water down the drain now, but it is something I can make sure does not happen in the future.”

“There are several items that have been mishandled, in my opinion. (County officials) have transferred many county records to the state for archival purposes, which are fine, but they failed to institute a way to retrieve those records. Being an old title person, it just infuriates me.”

Ihli said voters should vote for him because he has the knowledge, qualifications and the time to put in, and he feels he can do a good job for them.

“I am not afraid of work, and no, it is not a part-time job,” Ihli said. “I only live a block from the courthouse. I believe I have a leg up on (other candidates).”

Elect

★ ★ ★ ★ ★

Skip

Brandt

★

U.S. CONGRESS

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Paid for by Skip Brandt for Idaho, John Schurbon Treasurer

Skip Brandt will ALWAYS place America FIRST!

• Stands by the Idaho and US Constitutions

• Pro Life/Pro Family/Pro God

• Supports **FAIR** trade, not free trade

• Supports Country of Origin Labeling for meat

Protects Private Property Rights

• This year passed 3 eminent domain bills

• Defends ranchers’ preference rights

• Client of Pacific Legal Foundation in LU water case

• Defeated bill threatening prior appropriation doctrine

Secure America’s borders
& reimburse local governments
for costs of illegal intruders

Hold bureaucracy accountable

Client of Pacific Legal Foundation in ESA Hatchery case

Endorsed by Helen Chenoweth Hage

Vote SKIP BRANDT
for Congress on May 23

Attorney general

Lawrence Wasden REPUBLICAN

Wasden’s bio

Age: 49
Hometown: Nampa (born in Caldwell)
Family: Wife, Tracey; four children, Sean, Ashley, Cassidy and Blake; one grandchild, Carter Lawrence
Occupation: Idaho attorney general since 2002
Background: Four years as chief of staff for Idaho Attorney General, two years as deputy chief of staff for Idaho Attorney General; six years deputy attorney general assigned to the Idaho State Tax Commission; two years, Owyhee County prosecuting attorney; 1½ years Canyon County deputy prosecuting attorney; 16 years active GOP, including Canyon



County chairman, vice-chairman, precinct committeeman, youth chairman and state committee trainer.

Lawrence Wasden has been involved in the Idaho attorney general’s office in various capacities since 1993. He served as chief of staff for Attorney General Al Lance before being elected as Idaho’s Attorney General in 2002.
Wasden said as Lance’s chief of staff he managed the largest law office in the state.

“I have served in the Office of the Attorney General for more than 13 years. In doing so, I have fought to protect Idaho’s sovereignty, water, consumers, taxpayers, businesses, lands and people,” Wasden said.
“In addition, I have been active in Republican politics for nearly 17 years.”

Wasden’s views

Firm and fair criminal prosecution
Protect Idaho’s water and sovereignty
Protect Idaho’s consumers from fraud

Wise stewardship of state lands to obtain the maximum long-term financial return for Idaho’s school children
Ensure justice for all Idahoans

Walt Bayes for Governor

My Campaign is based on issues, not personalities

- Life and personhood starts at conception. Your choice should be made before sex and a third party is involved.
- We should greatly increase the penalties and correction of sex offenders, drunk drivers, illegal drugs, gang members and the illegal use of firearms.
- The minimum wage should be raised to \$6.50.
- Canadian wolves are non-native predators that cause great damage to our game, livestock, and pets.
- All school age children are entitled to the same amount of State education money as any other child, no matter what school they attend.
- We need to reclaim Idaho title to the so-called Federal Public lands.
- The more of God we take out of our schools, the more prisons we will have to build for our ungodly graduates. We need to return to God and his morals
- Idaho needs a Governor who will fight for Constitutional rights for all our people, including preborn persons.

Vote for WALT BAYES for Governor, at the May 23rd Republican Primary.

Paid for by Virginia Bayes, Treas.

Myron Dan Gabbert REPUBLICAN

Gabbert’s bio

Age: 63
Hometown: New Meadows. Born in Chicago.
Family: Wife, Elfriede; three adult children
Occupation: Prosecuting attorney for Adams County; private-practice attorney in McCall
Background: 1992-94, attorney in McCall and Boise; 1989-92, principal in Lojek, Gabbert &

Strother Law Office, Boise; 1971-89, principal in Moffatt, Thomas, Barrett & Blanton Law Office, Boise; 1968-71, principal in Wallis, Churchill & Gabbert Law Office, Boise; 1967-68, law clerk to Hon. Chief Justice Joseph McFadden, Idaho Supreme Court, Boise
Memberships: Past president, Dawn Optimist Club; past president, Kiwanis Club of Boise; Estate Planning Council, Boise



Gabbert’s views

Term limits — Gabbert pledges to seek only two terms at attorney general, a total of eight years in office.
Bang for your buck — Gabbert says he has based his campaign on the principle of providing “better legal services at lesser cost.”
Tithe of pay — Gabbert says he’ll give 10 percent of his salary as attorney general back to the state as a way to save the taxpayers money.

Myron Dan Gabbert says his experience, integrity and availability set him apart in race for Idaho attorney general.
“A reputation for integrity and 39 years of experience as a private attorney, together with a lot of hard work, should add up to a win,” he said.
An attorney in Idaho since his graduation from the University of Illinois School of Law in 1967, he began as a law clerk to then-Idaho Supreme Court Justice Joseph McFadden. He was a principal in both large and small Boise law firms prior to moving his office in McCall in 1992. He divided his time between McCall and Boise until he began living in the Central Idaho area full-time in 1994. A graduate of the University of Illinois School of Law, Gabbert was named Kiwanian of the year for 1991 and 1992 when he was a member of the Kiwanis Club in Boise.
“Idaho needs an experienced attorney as attorney general who can efficiently and effectively represent the people of the State of Idaho — an attorney who has actually functioned as a traditional, private-practice lawyer. This position needs a person who has had experience with the entire range of laws — versus someone who has only developed a specialty in a ‘niche area.’ ”

PERSONAL

46 YEARS OF AGE

MARRIED 26 YEARS

SPOUSE: EDDIE

3 DAUGHTERS

LAURENA
JAMIE
CHRISTINE

3 GRANDCHILDREN

CJ HORES
CLARA HORES
JACOB MOREHOUSE

INTEGRITY IN LEADERSHIP

ELECT SHERRY OLSON

OWYHEE COUNTY CLERK, AUDITOR, RECORDER

RESIDENT OF OWYHEE COUNTY FOR 13 YEARS

EMPLOYMENT

OWYHEE COUNTY

DISPATCH 10/94–04/97

DISPATCH SUPERVISOR 04/97 – 03/06

RECORDS MANAGER 03/06 – PRESENT

Previous to employment with the county I managed the Murphy General Store

Phone: 208-834-2261
Email: edsheron1@peoplepc.com

Please feel free to call or email with any questions or concerns.

GOALS

RUN AN OPEN OFFICE

EXCEL IN CUSTOMER SERVICE

SERVE THE OWYHEE RESIDENTS

WITH INTEGRITY, HONESTY, AND ACCOUNTABILITY

USE RESOURCES TO ASSURE

THE HIGHEST OF COMPLIANCE

WITH IDAHO CODE

MY PROMISE TO YOU, THE VOTER...

I promise to do the job at hand with the utmost of integrity and honesty.

Using the resources that are available to educate myself and my staff to ensure you, the voter, with the highest quality of service possible.

PAID FOR BY OLSON FOR CLERK CAMPAIGN FUND

TREASURER: JAYNE KINGSTON

Lieutenant governor

Dan Romero DEMOCRAT

Romero's bio

Age: 49
Hometown: Nampa
Family: Wife, Diana Johnson, 26 years; five children, 10 grandchildren.
Occupation: Teacher at Boise State University
Background: A graduate of Nampa High School, with more than 20 years of service in the Armed Forces; Masters of Science Degree in Instructional and Performance Technology from Boise State University and more than 20 years experience in leadership and management.



Dan Romero is the first member of his family to go to college, earning a master's degree from Boise State University. He spent 20 years in the military in leadership and management capacities, and he taught leadership and management throughout his military career.
"The opportunity to run for office is something my ancestors knew was possible, but would never have imagined," Romero said.
"Growing up as a migrant

worker was not easy, but my family knew that the opportunity to achieve was possible."
Romero says he is personally not a politician, but he believes it is time to protect the interests of the people.
"Two-party representation means a wider variety of viewpoints may be represented in our state," Romero said. "It allows for honest debate with differing viewpoints. Most of all it creates a check-and-balance for our system."

Romero's views

Support innovative policies and research to create a stronger economy that will provide people with rewarding jobs at livable wages
Support alternative, renewable, and efficient energy sources
Support policies that provide wise management and property tax reform
Support policies that provide Idaho residents the best education possible
Protect the interests of the people.

Unopposed candidates

REPUBLICAN

Jim Risch — Sitting lieutenant governor of Idaho

CONSTITUTION

William Charles Wellisch — No information available

Because of space limitations, The Owyhee Avalanche profiled only the candidates from major parties who face opposition. — Ed.

Larry LaRocco DEMOCRAT

LaRocco's bio

Age: 58 (no photo provided)
Hometown: McCall
Family: Wife, Christine; two children, one grandchild
Occupation: President of Coeur d'Alene-based Neo Kinetics
Background: Former U.S. Representative

During a four-year career in Congress, **Larry LaRocco** served on the House Natural Resources Committee and the House Committee on Banking, Finance and Urban Affairs. He says his time on the Natural Resources Committee gave him the experience necessary to protect the state's natural resources.

LaRocco's views

Raise state's minimum wage from \$5.15 to \$7 per hour.
Improve access to healthcare while keeping the costs in line.
More funding for preschool education.



I'm truly honored to have received support from so many folks throughout Owyhee County. We ask you to join us on May 23rd to get out and vote. When you do, I hope to receive your vote that will help us reaffirm our **conservative values** of fiscal responsibility, personal integrity, and responsible county government.
BRENDA RICHARDS

Elias & Inez Jaca
Gary Aman
John & Cathy Romero
Richard & Connie Brandau
Tim & Rosemary Lowry
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Joe & Verla Merrick
Dave & Shelley Shenk
Tony & Kim Martinat
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Scott & Sharla Jensen
Tim & Annie Campbell

ACCOMPLISHMENTS:

Brenda's calm, steady leadership is already showing

✓ Maximizing & Securing County Investments

- 100% of county funds now insured as opposed to 5% in the past at no extra cost.
- Increased Revenue to the county on investments.

Professional, courteous service to all Owyhee County residents

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT:

Brenda knows that active citizenship goes far beyond just living in an area. That's why she's been involved in helping to shape her community and protecting our way of life.

- ✓ **Owyhee Initiative Workgroup**
- ✓ **Owyhee Cattleman's Association**
- ✓ **Owyhee Natural Resource Committee**
- ✓ **Melba School Planning Committee**

EXPERIENCE/QUALIFICATIONS:

Brenda's professional & practical financial experience makes her an ideal fit for this office:

- ✓ **Business & Accounting Degree**
- ✓ **Banking & Management Experience**
- ✓ **Financial & Budgeting Experience**



Paid Richards for Treasurer, Chris Salove Treasurer

Governor of Idaho

Dan Adamson

REPUBLICAN

Adamson’s bio

Age: 56 (photo not provided)
Hometown: Pocatello
Family: Wife, Ruth; four children
Occupation: Founder of Northwest Bec-Corp
Background: More than 25 years of experience in the financial management of private and public corporations.
Memberships: American Healthcare Association, bars for U.S. Supreme Court, Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals, Utah and Idaho federal district and state

Dan Adamson is a 1979 graduate of J. Reuben Clark Law School at Brigham Young University. He received his Juris Doctorate Degree with specialty training in business consulting, business reorganization and bankruptcy reorganization.
Adamson has an MBA from the University of Utah. Since 1970, he has owned and operated several agri-business organizations and

two legal firms. In 1993, he founded Northwest Bec-Corp (NWBC), a private healthcare company.
Through NWBC, Adamson is the owner-operator of 20 healthcare facilities in Idaho, California and Oregon. He helped found Northwest Pharmaceutical, Inc., to meet the need for better management of ancillary service delivery in long-term care.

He says he is an expert in business management, having designed and redesigned, implemented, and managed both public and private organizations.
According to his political campaign Web site, Adamson continually participates in setting industry standards in Idaho and has remained politically and educationally active in business, health care and legal issues.

Adamson’s views

A plan to spark better prices for farm products
Free enterprise zones would produce strong communities across Idaho
A simple plan to add millions of dollars to the education budget
Our children need more knowledge of religion and family values
Busting Idaho Power’s monopoly
Unborn child’s rights



Walter Bayes

REPUBLICAN

Bayes’s bio

Age: 67
Family: Wife, Virginia; 16 children
Hometown: Wilder
Occupation: Retired
Background: Former laborer; ran for governor in 2002, losing in Republican primary Dirk Kempthorne; ran for Dist. 11 state senator seat in 2004

Walter Bayes is an announced anti-abortion activist who has staged several hunger strikes in support of anti-abortion legislation. He recently held a 57-day strike, ending the protest action only after South Dakota Gov. Mike Rounds signed an anti-abortion bill in March.
At that time, Bayes was committed to fast until he died or Idaho passed a law that

outlawed abortion at all stages of pregnancy.
Bayes, who said he began his hunger strike when the 2006 legislative session started Jan. 9, wants a law passed so that it can be challenged and eventually taken to the U.S. Supreme Court. He said there’s a better chance the Supreme Court would outlaw abortion with the recent addition of Justice Samuel Alito.

Bayes’s views

Bayes is a staunch supporter of the pro-life movement. His hunger strike earlier this year began as a way to get the Idaho Legislature to create a law saying human life starts at conception.

VOTE

CHRISTINE COLLETT

OWYHEE COUNTY COMMISSIONER DISTRICT III

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* ACCOUNTABIITY * OPEN COMMUNICATION * HONESTY *
* INTEGRITY *

* A *TRUE* REPRESENTATIVE FOR THE PEOPLE OF OWYHEE COUNTY *

PAID: COLLETT FOR COMMISSIONER * CHRIS COLLETT * TREASURER

Governor of Idaho

Jerry Brady DEMOCRAT

Brady's bio

Age: 52
Hometown: Idaho Falls (fourth-generation Idahoan)
Family: Wife, Rickie; five children, six grandchildren
Occupation: Former publisher and now president of the Idaho Falls Post Register.
Background: Served as a U.S. Army infantry officer and in the Judge Advocate General's office in the Army reserves; former legislative assistant to U.S. Sen. Frank Church and assistant director and director of public affairs for the Peace Corps.



Jerry Brady has launched many organizations in his career. Between 1972 and 1974, he founded and managed University Year in Action, a Nixon administration initiative in which universities and their students aided nearby low-income communities. He was a co-founder in 1960 of ACCION International, the largest provider of small business loans for low-income people in the Western hemisphere — more than 500,000 a year. In 1992, he founded Idaho Falls' economic development initiative and served as its chairman for four years, creating more than

2,000 jobs. In 2002, he was the Democratic candidate for governor of Idaho. In 2003, he began organizing programs to benefit preschool children in eastern Idaho, leading to a \$1 million initiative to improve childcare, promote literacy and prepare children for school. Brady is a 1954 graduate of Idaho Falls High School, a 1958 honors graduate of Notre Dame, and a 1962 graduate in law from the University of California at Berkeley. At Notre Dame, he was student body president and received the Dome Award as outstanding student.

Brady's views

He supports alternative energy sources.

He urged the Idaho Legislature to launch community college programs in the Treasure Valley.

Honesty and fairness in government is essential.

Brady advocates property tax reform, including raising the homeowner's exemption to \$100,000 and give greater local control to help communities manage the cost of growth.

C.L. 'Butch' Otter REPUBLICAN

Otter's bio

Age: 64
Hometown: Star
Family: Engaged to Lori Easley; father of four and grandfather of two
Occupation: U.S. Representative, District I
Background: Retired in 1993 after 30 years with J.R. Simplot Co. Served as director of food products division, president of Simplot Livestock and president of Simplot International
Memberships: Board of directors, J.R. Simplot Co. He has also been a member of the Board of Directors of the Kyn-Ten Oil Drilling Co.; Idaho Association of Commerce and Industry; Idaho Young Presidents Organization;



Pacific Northwest Waterways Association; Northwest Food Producers and National Cowboy Hall of Fame board.

Butch Otter has a long record of public service to the state of Idaho. He began his current stint in Congress after he stepped down as Idaho's lieutenant governor in 2001. He was serving his fourth team, having been elected more times and serving longer than any lieutenant governor in state history. In 1972, Otter began the first of two terms as a member of the Idaho House of Representatives

from Canyon County. Otter also served on the Republican Party Central Committee and was chairman of the Canyon County Republican Party. Otter formerly served as a member of President Ronald Reagan's Task Force on International Private Enterprise, the World Bank's Agricultural Advisory Committee and the Center for International Private Enterprise. He received a Bachelor of

Arts degree in Political Science from the College of Idaho (now Albertson College of Idaho) in 1967 and served honorably in the Idaho Army National Guard's 116th Armored Cavalry from 1968 to 1973. He attended Armored Intelligence and Reconnaissance School at Fort Knox, Ky., in 1968. Otter was also awarded an Honorary Doctorate from Mindanao State University in the Philippines.

Otter's views

Endangered Species Act — Otter is in favor of ESA reform because, he says, the ESA has been ineffective in saving species while imposing severe restrictions on property owners, agriculture, logging, mining and other interests. He feels incentives rather than punitive measures engage landowners in helping to conserve species.

Fiscal responsibility — Otter says that while increased spending on homeland security and defense are warranted by the war on terrorism, it's important to practice budget restraint and control government spending. He says he is committed to making taxes

fairer and less burdensome.

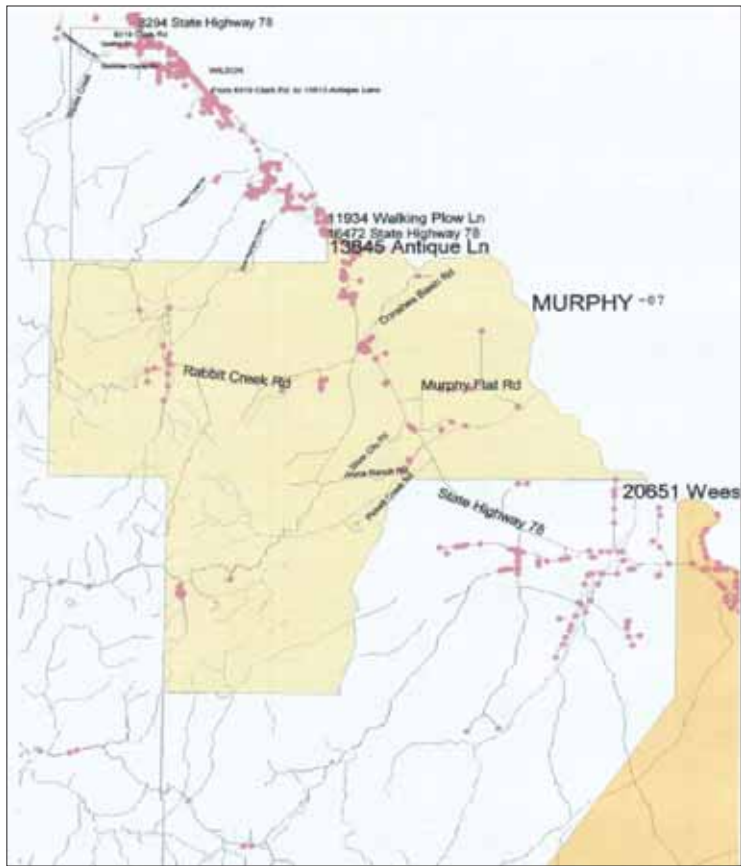
Prison overcrowding — While Otter acknowledges the role prisons play in keeping the public safe, he says there are ways to reduce the number of incarcerated and, thus, lessen the need to build more detention centers. One way he suggests controlling the prison population is expanding Idaho's existing drug courts and mental health courts, which require the offender to pay some of the cost. He says improving treatment effectiveness to reduce recidivism is another key.

Public lands — Otter believes federal agencies have a responsibility to be more effective

stewards of the nearly two-thirds of Idaho they manage. He says the government has an obligation to involve those who know and understand the issues best in land management decisions, and people most influenced by federal policies should play a larger role in developing them.

Water rights — Otter says he'll work to maintain the quality of Idaho's water and protect it from out-of-state appropriation or diversion, from letting others determine the priorities for its use, and from attempts to send it downstream without meeting the needs of the state's communities or economy.

Murphy precinct



The incumbent

This year's gubernatorial hopefuls want to fill the shoes of outgoing Gov. Dirk Kempthorne. Kempthorne, the state's 30th governor, began confirmation hearings for Secretary of the Interior last week in Washington, D.C.

Other candidates

- REPUBLICAN**
Jack Alan Johnson — Boise; No information provided
- DEMOCRAT**
Lee Chaney — Preston; No information provided
- CONSTITUTION**
Marvin Richardson — Sawmill owner; unopposed
- LIBERTARIAN**
Ted Dunlap — Running unopposed

Owyhee County treasurer

Linda Charters REPUBLICAN

I watched the last four or five years; the public service has not been the No. 1 thing. ’

— Linda Charters



Charters’s bio

Age: 52
Hometown: Sinker Creek area
Family: Husband, Dennis; stepson, Danny
Occupation: Former Owyhee County deputy treasurer
Background: Raised in Owyhee County after moving to the area when she was young. She graduated from Melba High School.

Linda Charters lives in the Sinker Creek area on a ranch with her husband. She said she moved to Owyhee County at the age of 6 when her parents bought a ranch on Reynolds Creek.

She has worked a variety of jobs in the county offices for 34 years. She began working for Barbara Jayo as a deputy recorder, got married and left. She then returned some years later and went back to work part-time for Jayo and part-time in the treasurer’s office.

When Barbara Wright was elected treasurer, Charters became her chief deputy. Later she worked for then-Owyhee County Clerk Jim Huntley as a deputy clerk and later left the office. She went back to work for Wright in the treasurer’s office.

Charters said although she does not have formal education in the position she can bring plenty of experience to the job.

“As treasurer, you need to be available to the patrons to answer questions and give them the customer service that they are entitled to,” Charters said. “The courthouse is not sitting in the middle of the metropolis of the county. When people come, they usually come from a long way away, and when they come they need to have that service.”

Charters said voters should elect her because she has the experience and knowledge of the office through her years of employment.

“I have extensive experience and knowledge of the office and of the county,” Charters said. “I

know how the office has treated the people in the past and where the taxpayers stand with elected officials and where the elected officials should stand with the taxpayers. It just is not happening anymore.”

Charters said the most important issue to her is customer service, or the lack of it.

“I watched the last four or five years; the public service has not been the No. 1 thing,” Charters said. “The elected officials are public servants. We should be there to serve the taxpayers. It is not happening now.”

She said she left the treasurer’s office because she was never comfortable with the Brenda Richards, who was appointed to succeed Barbara Wright in October.

Brenda Richards REPUBLICAN

Richards’s bio

Age: 43
Hometown: Reynolds Creek (raised in Twin Falls)
Family: Husband, Tony; sons, Daniel, Tom and John
Occupation: Owyhee County Treasurer
Background: Grew up in Idaho, moved to Nevada and moved Back to Idaho 10 years ago. Husband Tony is a fourth-generation rancher, and they ranch in Reynolds Creek.



Brenda Richards and her husband, Tony, live on and operate the family ranch south of Murphy on Whiskey Mountain, and have done so for the past 10 years.

She said the ranch is where she hopes to live for the rest of her life.

She was appointed to the treasurer’s position in October to replace retiring Barbara Wright.

Richards has been actively involved in the Owyhee Cattlemen’s Association since moving to the county, and she has been involved with the National Cattlemen’s Association for more than 15 years. She is an Idaho representative on the National Public Lands Council and on the National Federal Lands Committee.

She is involved with the Owyhee National Resources Committee and serves as the Water Committee co-chair. She is extremely involved in the economic tax base of the county, which Richards says is agriculture and small businesses.

Richards has more than 10 years of experience in banking and supervisory positions. She has a business accounting degree from College of Southern Idaho and has attended accounting classes at the University of Nevada.

“I have been a full-charge bookkeeper with two large ranches in Nevada and our current ranch,” Richards said. “We run on a very tight budget. We have a budget that is very much like the county’s budget as they are not a sure thing as the prices fluctuate just like taxes.”

Richards said her experience is something she brings into the treasurer’s office along with her ability to adjust to changing budgets. She said county budgets can fluctuate with the economics much like a ranching budget. She also has participated in studies

with the University of Idaho on the county’s economics.

Richards has been deeply involved in the Owyhee Initiative from its inception nearly four years ago. She is a voting member of the Work Group for the Initiative and said she will continue to be on the board to ensure that the “institutional memory” is carried through as the process goes forward.

She said she feels she brings dedication to the office of treasurer, and she enjoys the people. She said she feels bringing an open-door policy to the office and letting the people know she is open to their questions has put her position back to the public.

“I want people to feel free to come into the office for questions and know we are there to work for them,” Richards said.

Richards said she has taken an aggressive approach to investing the county’s money because of her banking background. She said because of her approach, the county has seen a substantial increase on its investment returns.

Richards said since she has been in the position, the county has reported a decrease in delinquent tax payments.

“We have made numerous phone calls to let people know of the choices they have to come into compliance,” Richards said. “There are different avenues they have to get their taxes paid, but everyone is still under the Idaho Code and everyone is treated the same.”

“I believe the people should vote for me because I am very dedicated to Owyhee County as shows with the years of volunteer work that I have done for this county, for the people and for the economy. My dedication is here with and for the people of Owyhee County.”



Sali for Congress

A RECORD OF PRINCIPLED LEADERSHIP FOR IDAHO

“I believe the people of Idaho want - and deserve - a Congressman that will lead on issues that are important to Conservatives. Over the last 15 years, I have consistently fought to defend the conservative values of lower taxes, limited government, traditional family values, and the Constitutional right to keep and bear arms. Join the Sali for Congress team to ensure these values are represented in Washington, D.C. and vote Bill Sali on May 23rd.” - Bill Sali

- **TAXES:** Bill pledged to vote against all tax increases, keeping that promise for 16 years in the legislature. He will continue that pledge in Congress and fight for a balanced budget.
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I want people to feel free to come into the office for questions and know we are there to work for them. ’

— Brenda Richards

Owyhee County assessor

Gene Winchester

REPUBLICAN

Winchester's bio

Age: 70
Hometown: Homedale
Family: Wife Lena; four daughters; two sons; 24 grandchildren; one great grandchild.
Occupation: Retired
Background: Rancher and former lawmaker who served 14 years in the state House of Representatives; member of Sage Brush Rebellion battling for state control of federal lands



Gene Winchester ran against Keith Johnson for State Controller in 2002. Although he lost the majority of the vote, he did win the Owyhee County vote.

Now a rancher in Homedale, Winchester lives on the banks of Succor Creek and raises horses and cattle. He has two Master's degrees, one in range ecology from the University of Idaho and one from George Washington University in public administration.

"I am experienced in property and land," Winchester said. "I am experienced in the Legislature and was involved in the original Interstate highway plan. I have introduced legislation and was the instigator for the 1 percent property tax initiative years ago."

Winchester says he has a strong record of siding with property owners not the government.

"I can bring experience, honesty, intelligence, integrity and a professional, refreshing approach to managing the office," Winchester said.

Winchester says one thing he would change if elected is to keep the county office open during the lunch hour. He said he feels people who drive to Murphy deserve to have their needs met instead of waiting until public employees are done with their lunch.

"The office belongs to the people, not just one guy," Winchester said. "I think it is time for a change. To bring a new friendlier approach to the office. I would give it my full-time attention and not be gone so much."

Winchester said he has always been an advocate for private property owners and if elected he will continue that dedication by "always coming down to the side of the property owners."

"I believe the constitution has a strong pro-property ownership blanket in its system," Winchester said. "It guarantees the right of every citizen in the State of Idaho to secure, possess and protect private property. I take that literally. I don't want federal government to run our property."

Brett Endicott

REPUBLICAN

'We put the value on the property, which does not always make people happy, but I try to use a common-sense approach ... '

— Brett Endicott



Endicott's bio

Age: 57
Hometown: Marsing
Family: Wife, Maggie; sons, Clint and Andrew; daughter, Bridget; one grandchild
Occupation: Owyhee County assessor
Background: Self-employed in agriculture

Brett Endicott began working in the county assessor's office as an appraiser in 1996 for Larry Bachman.

After Bachman left office, Endicott worked under Ernie Bahem, and he was elected to the office in 2002. Endicott said he and his family moved to Owyhee County 20 years ago because he had worked here and enjoyed the people and because of the school system.

"We always wanted to get out into the country and chose Owyhee County because of the area, the schools and the people," Endicott said. "I found a small ranch between Homedale and Marsing and that is where we are today."

Endicott said he wants to continue to work as the county's

assessor because he brings "a lot of common sense" to the office. He likes the people and his job even though he says it can be frustrating at times.

"I think I have done a good job and think I can continue to do a good job," Endicott said.

He attends legislative sessions and has testified on appraisal and taxing issues in the House and Senate.

"I have learned to be available so if questions arise, I can give the answers for the people of Owyhee County," Endicott said.

Endicott is a certified appraiser for the State of Idaho and must complete a certain amount of schooling per year to maintain his certification.

"I care about the people and realize I work for them," Endicott

said. "I try to use a common-sense approach to following the state law for market value, and basically I think I am the best person for the job."

"The variety of the things that come before you every day is challenging. As an appraiser, you do one aspect of the assessors responsibilities. As an assessor, you take on everybody's responsibilities."

Endicott says he has learned legal descriptions, he has computer knowledge, but mainly he is a go-between for the people.

"The main thing is we are service-oriented. We put the value on the property, which does not always make people happy, but I try to use a common-sense approach in doing my job and following the Idaho Code."

Vote

Jerry

HOAGLAND

Owyhee


County


Commissioner


District 1

Paid for by Rhonda Huff, Treas.

RE-ELECT CHARLOTTE SHERBURN OWYHEE COUNTY CLERK







I have been married for 34 years and have 2 daughters and 5 grandchildren.
I have lived in Owyhee County for 18 years.
I have worked for Owyhee County for 13 years.

- 6 years as the Deputy Recorder/Deputy Welfare Director
- 2 years as the Deputy Auditor
- 2 years in the Sheriff's office as the Drivers License Clerk
- 4 years as your County Clerk

I possess the Knowledge, Experience, Honesty and Integrity needed for the job.

Join these Supporters to RE-ELECT CHARLOTTE SHERBURN CLERK

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Brad & Mary Huff		

Paid for by Committee to Elect Sherburn Clerk

U.S. Congressional District 1

Bill Sali REPUBLICAN

Sali's bio

Age: 52
Hometown: Kuna. Born in Portsmouth, Ohio
Family: Wife, Terry; daughters, Jennifer, Anna, Rachel and Christina; sons, Levi and Micah
Occupation: Idaho House of Representatives, District 21, Seat A
Background: Former private practice attorney, farmer, professional musician



Bill Sali says his legislative voting record proves he is both a social and fiscal conservative, and he opposed the 1-cent sales tax increase

Sali has been part of the Idaho Legislature since being appointed to a seat in August 1990. He has served a vice-chairman of the House Health and Welfare Committee and chairman of the Special Committee on Healthcare. His other committees have included Commerce, Industry and Tourism

and Human Resources. He was moved to the Judiciary, Rules and Administration Committee in 1995. In 1999, he was appointed to a special Interim Legislative Committee dealing with Idaho's state institution for people with developmental disabilities.

He attended both Boise State University, majoring in Economics, and the University of Idaho's law school. After passing the bar exam, Sali began a private law practice in 1984.

Sali's views

Gun rights
Protect the unborn
Protect traditional marriage
Protect private property rights
Protection from activist judges
Protect natural resource jobs while fighting for Idaho's water
Saving Social Security
Secure unprotected borders and implement a safe and sane immigration policy
Supporting our troops

Norm Semanko REPUBLICAN

Semanko's bio

Age: 39
Hometown: Eagle (grew up in North Idaho)
Family: Wife, Lana; daughter, Alex
Occupation: Executive director, United Water Users Association; Idaho representative, Western States Water Council; president, National Water Resources Association; president, Idaho Council on Industry and the Environment
Background: Worked on 1988 presidential campaign and President George H.W. Bush's transition team



While a legislative assistant for then-U.S. Rep. Larry Craig, **Norm**

Semanko handled issues such as natural resources, transportation,

education, technology, defense, and veteran's affairs.

Semanko's views

Semanko says he supports economic growth, lower taxes and less government. He has pledged to oppose all efforts to raise taxes and will vote to cut taxes. He also supports simplification of the U.S. tax code and says he's committed to bringing new jobs and businesses to Idaho. He also says he will promote and defend Idaho's existing high-tech, natural resource, and agriculture-based economy.

Semanko wants to work

to enhance education. He supports education choices and opportunities and says he believes in limiting federal interference and supports local parental control. He's committed to education savings accounts, tuition tax credits, and deductibility of student loan interest.

Semanko says marriage is the cornerstone of society and will support legislation to protect marriage. He's pro-life.

He also has said he'll work to promote and simplify the adoption process

In regards to natural resurces and agriculture, Semanko has said he will work for the sovereignty and state control of Idaho's water and he'll fight for public access and multiple use of federal lands. He says he is committed to amending the Endangered Species Act to better serve all Idahoans.

Sheila Sorensen REPUBLICAN

Sorensen's bio

Age: 58
Hometown: Boise
Family: Husband, Dean; five children and nine grandchildren
Occupation: Retired
Background: Former member of Idaho Legislature (state Senate 1992-2004; state House of Representatives, 1987-92)
Memberships: All former posts in GOP: precinct committeeman, district vice-chairman and co-chairman for 1990 presidential visit



Sheila Sorensen originally was appointed to fill her husband Dean's seat in the Idaho Legislature in 1992 when he visit Salt Lake City on a professional sabbatical. The former pediatric

nurse practitioner served 17 years in both chambers of the state legislature.

She has been an Idaho resident for 35 years.

Sorensen says she is ready to

forge strong working relationships with other members of Congress and earn their respect — as she did with her colleagues in the Idaho Legislature.

Sorensen's views

A better education for children.

On the topic of natural resources, Sorensen says she believes in protecting property rights. She

also supports efforts to amend the Endangered Species Act.

As a way to reduce taxes, Sorensen has called for reduced spending and limited

government.

Sorensen also is a proponent for stopping illegal immigration and strengthening the nation's economy.

Cecil Kelly III DEMOCRAT

Cecil Kelly III, provided no biographical, platform or career information to The Owyhee Avalanche



Unopposed candidates

CONSTITUTION

Paul Smith — State party vice-chairman

NATURAL LAW/UNITED

Andy Hedden-Nicely — United Party founder

INDEPENDENT

Dave Olson

Because of space limitations, The Owyhee Avalanche profiled only the candidates from major parties who face opposition. — Ed.

EDITOR'S NOTE

Because of space limitations, information on Republican Congressional candidate Robert Vasquez will be found on the next page.

Congressional Dist. 1

Robert Vasquez REPUBLICAN

Vasquez’s bio

Age: 56
Hometown: Caldwell (born in El Paso, Texas)
Family: Daughter and son
Occupation: Canyon County commissioner, District 1
Background: Decorated Vietnam veteran, including receiving two Purple Hearts; former member Canyon County Planning and Zoning Commission; served as assistant to Caldwell Mayor Dick Winder, 1995-98; CEO of political consulting firm, 1992-95; Health and Welfare community resources development specialist, 1991-92; Idaho Department of Corrections pre-sentence investigator, 1991-92



Memberships: Life member, Disabled American Veterans (DAV) and Veterans of Foreign Wars.

A graduate of the College of Idaho, **Robert Vasquez** has served as a Canyon County commissioner since 2003, making headlines for his fight against illegal immigration. He billed the Mexican Consulate more than \$2 million for costs incurred by Canyon County because of illegal aliens. He also was instrumental in the passage of a resolution by the Idaho Association of Counties that called for anyone applying for indigent medical welfare assistance be a U.S. citizen.

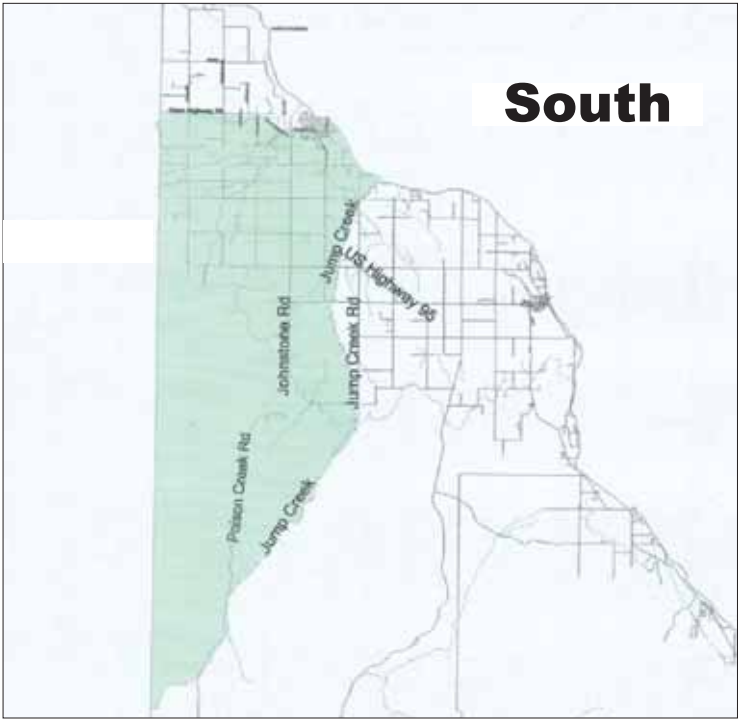
Vasquez’s views

“I will hold ‘Meet-and-Greet’ the candidate events in Idaho, not in Washington, D.C. My pledge is to serve my fellow Idahoans, not the corporate lobbyists that want cheap labor from illegal aliens at your expense.”
Vasquez is a pro-life candidate and has written an article about the murder of Dr. David Gunn, an abortionist killed during an

anti-abortion protest.
He believes in the Second Amendment, and has for many years held a concealed weapons permit.
“It is every citizen’s Right to keep and bear arms, in order to protect life and property. An unarmed citizenry is at the mercy of its rulers, and that must never be allowed to happen in America.”

Vasquez believes Idahoans want their 1st District Congressman to fight on their behalf for FAIR trade, “not some convoluted ‘Free Market’ trade agreements. He opposes the North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA) and the Central American Free Trade Agreement (CAFTA), and he has said he will oppose the Free Trade of The Americas Act (FTAA).

Homedale precincts



Controller

REPUBLICAN
Royce C. Chigbrow — Accountant
Donna Jones — Former member Idaho House of Representatives; state GOP vice-chairperson;
DEMOCRAT
Jackie Groves Twilegar — Businesswoman, community activist

State Representative, District 23, Seat B

REPUBLICAN
Bert Brackett — Currently the a state representative for District 23, Brackett hails from Rogerson. He is running unoppose in this primary. He was appointed to replace Doug Jones of Filer when he resigned last year.

Owyhee County has been home to my family for generations...

My great-grandparents homesteaded here. My parents—John & Irene Tyson—taught my brother and me to treat this great place with integrity and respect. I’ve had the opportunity to serve and work for Owyhee county for over 25 years. Please help me to continue to serve this great county as your Treasurer & Tax Collector.

Please vote on Tuesday, May 23.

Vote for knowledge, experience and integrity.



Linda Charters
Owyhee County
Treasurer & Tax Collector

State Representative, Dist. 23, Seat A



Jim Conder REPUBLICAN

Jim Conder says voters can expect him to be honest and show integrity. Conder says he feels passionately about the many issues facing Southern Idaho and has a deep desire to assist and serve the people of District 23A.

Conder served in the Air Force. Working with the Idaho State Aeronautics Division, he helped transport state personnel and helped conduct search-and-rescue operations for downed aircraft and personnel. He said he tried to improve the safety of aviation in Idaho through education, along with maintenance and improvements to airports administered by the state.

“I did not stop my service to mankind upon departing the United States Air Force, or the State of Idaho,” Conder said. “Prior to retiring from flying with Corporate Air in Billings, Mont., I had taken seven leaves of absence to fly extensively in Africa in various countries such as Mozambique, Uganda, Ethiopia, Sudan and The Congo.”

Conder’s flights to Africa

were part of his work with Air Serv International as a program manager/pilot. His duties included transporting food and medical supplies, transporting personnel for logistical support and retrieving missionaries out of harm’s way. Many missions were flown during periods of civil war, genocide, floods and drought.

“For a company to grant an employee so many leaves of absences and always be glad to have him return is a ‘Measure of the Man,’ as well as the work,” Conder said.

Conder’s bio

Age: Not provided
Hometown: Clover
Occupation: Owns and operates a farm and an additional small business
Background: Aviator. Served 23 years in the U.S. Air Force, serving in the Korean War and Vietnam. Also served with Idaho State Aeronautics Division as assistant safety information officer and pilot, then chief pilot.

Jim Patrick REPUBLICAN

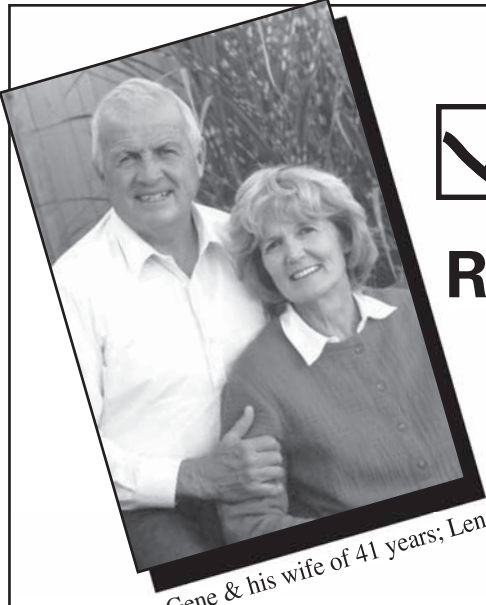
Jim Patrick is a fifth-generation citizen of the Magic Valley and farms more than 1,500 acres with his son. He has served as president of the Idaho Bean Commission, and is founder and director of Magic Valley Bank. He also is a member of the Twin Falls Planning and Zoning Commission, Salmon River Canal Board and representative to national farm organizations.

He says dairy-odor problems are caused by 1-in-10 operators and said great improvements have been made. He favors a 1 1/4-cent state sales tax increase to generate \$250 million in property tax relief and wants to help resolve the battle between surface water and groundwater users.

He has a degree in Agriculture Business and Economics from the University of Idaho. He is said to have strong knowledge of water issues that qualify him for the job of state representative.

Patrick’s bio


Age: Not provided
Family: Wife, Afton; two sons; five grandchildren.
Hometown: Twin Falls
Occupation: Farmer
Background: 1968 graduate of University of Idaho
Memberships: Advisory board member to several state and local organizations



Gene & his wife of 41 years; Lena

VOTE FOR

☒ **GENE WINCHESTER**

Republican for Owyhee County Assessor 

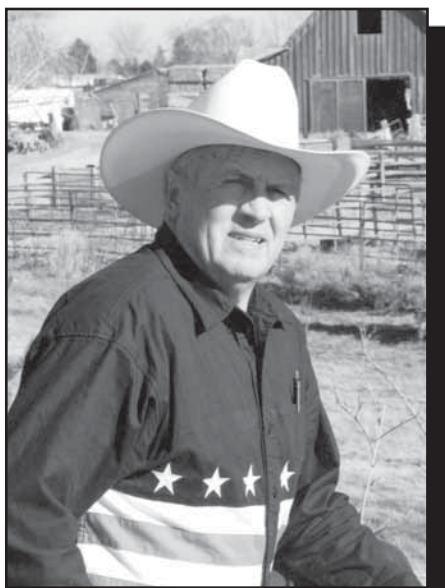
- **10 years - State Representative for Owyhee County**
Assisted in drafting Idaho Water Plan, Enacted amendments to Land Use Laws which protected private property rights, Never voted for a tax increase, 14 years Legislative service.
- **Decorated USAF fighter pilot & test pilot**
- **Honor Graduate - Air War College**
- **Master’s Degree - Public Administration - George Washington Univ.**
- **Master’s Degree - Range Ecology & Management - Univ. of Idaho**
- **Lifetime Rancher - Registered Cattle & Appaloosas**

Built & operated HAPPY HEART ARENA 1979-2005
Now ranching on Succor Creek 5 miles SW of Homedale

I pledge to honor your right to acquire, possess and protect private property.
(Art. 1 of Idaho State Constitution)

I promise to give full-time attention to the Assessor Office and to serve you with Honesty, Efficiency & Integrity.

Elect Winchester Committee - Lena Winchester, Treas. 1003 Succor Creek Rd., Homedale, ID 83628 ph. 337-6005



State superintendent of schools

Steve Casey REPUBLICAN

Casey’s bio

Age: 57 (no photo provided)
Hometown: Nampa
Family: Wife, Linda; daughter, Tara; son, Jeff; two grandchildren
Occupation: Educator
Background: Graduated from Capital High School, 1967; earned a bachelors degree (1973) and master’s degree in education (1978) from the University of Idaho

Steve Casey has focused 33 years as a parent, teacher, coach, principal and leader in Idaho education. A former logger, he has served at schools in Meridian, Rathdrum and Coeur d’Alene. He was the principal at Coeur d’Alene High School for 13 years.
Casey was named the Idaho Secondary Principal of the

Casey’s views

Casey believes teamwork is essential to reform and revitalize

Year in 2000 and served on the Governor’s Blue Ribbon Task Force on Education. He also has been a member of the National Association of Principals Board of Directors and served as president of the Idaho Association of School Administrators (IASA) and the Idaho Association of Secondary School Administrators (IASSP)

of Idaho’s public education system.

Jana Jones DEMOCRAT

Jones’s bio

Age: 53 (no photo provided)
Hometown: Boise (grew up in Idaho Falls)
Family: Husband, Ross; three daughters; one grandson.
Occupation: Chief Deputy Superintendent of the Department of Education.
Background: Involved in Idaho Education since the late 1970s and with the state department of education for five years. Graduated with both a Bachelors and Masters degree in Special Education from Utah State University and has earned a Doctorate in Educational Leadership from Idaho State University

Jones’s views

Effective advocate for our children and Idaho public schools.
Make sure all Idaho students have the advantage of higher-level reading and math skills with the ability to apply that knowledge, problem solve and think creatively.
Ensure Idaho students are globally competent with a good understanding of what’s going on at home and the rest of the world.
Advocate for Idaho’s youngest citizens through coordination and collaboration of quality early care and educations programs.
Provide stewardship of public lands to provide long-term benefit to our public schools.

Bert Marley DEMOCRAT

Marley’s bio

Age: 58 (no photo provided)
Hometown: McCammon (Born in Provo, Utah)
Family: Wife, Michelle; sons, Andy and Joe; three grandchildren
Occupation: State Senator German, American Government and English teacher at Marsh Valley High School for 23 years
Background: Bachelor of Arts, Idaho State University, 1973; Masters in Educational Leadership, Utah State University, 1995, former small agri-business owner, 1979-85, has owned and operated family farm since 1970

Bert Marley says he understands the first role of Idaho’s Superintendent of Public Instruction is to improve student achievement and well-being.
He pledges to do this by expanding opportunities for

Marley’s views

Bridge the gap between the ideologies of the Statehouse and the realities of the classroom
Return control to local school

early-childhood education, working for a balanced and innovative curriculum, and promoting new programs that will help prepare our students to enter college and the workforce ready to excel.

boards, communities and families
Support educators by treating them as professionals

Steve Smylie REPUBLICAN



Smylie’s views

The office of Superintendent of Public Instruction is more than just one that coordinates programs. Idaho also needs leadership and vision.
Cooperation is vital in improving education in Idaho.

Steve Smylie says, although test scores are improving, graduation rates are higher than national averages, and students enter the workplace prepared for their futures in most Idaho school districts, some districts struggle with high numbers of students with special needs.
He also says controversy about

Smylie’s bio

Age: Not provided
Hometown: Boise (born in Moscow)
Family: Wife, Marsha; daughters, Anna and Lisa
Occupation: Teacher in the Boise-area schools since 1977. Member of the Idaho House of Representatives since 1999. Owner and operator of a roofing and construction business during the summer months.

property taxes raises questions about how schools should be funded. Federal mandates and achievement standards are being hotly debated. Of course, money is always an issue.
Smylie is the son of he late Robert Smylie, the only man to serve three terms as governor of Idaho.

Background: Attended Boise Public Schools (Boise High, 1971); National Merit Scholar, BA, 1976, Northwest Nazarene University (summa cum laude in history, education, Spanish), MA, 1986, Boise State University, Specialist Degree in Educational Administration, 1996, University of Idaho; served on many educational committees and task forces.

Tom Luna REPUBLICAN



Luna’s bio

Hometown: Nampa
Family: Wife, Cindy; six children, one grandchild and two on the way.
Occupation: Business owner
Background: Seven years on Nampa School Board, three as chairman.

Luna’s views

Ensure every child receives a quality education

Tom Luna has served under two Idaho governors. He worked under Gov. Dirk Kempthorne as chairman of the Idaho Assessment and Accountability Commission and was commissioner and spokesman for the Idaho Achievement Standards Commission under Gov. Phil Batt.
Luna says the success of these two commissions resulted in the popular Achievement Standards and the ISAT, both useful tools for Idaho’s teachers and parents.
President George W. Bush appointed Luna to serve as an advisor to then-Secretary of Education Rod Page focusing on rural school choice in 2003
Luna was elected President of the International Society of Weights and Measurement in 1998 and President of the Nampa Exchange Club in 2000.
“My leadership, experience, and passion for education on the local, state, and national levels will help Idaho’s youth realize a brighter tomorrow,” Luna said.

The candidates

A list of candidates on the May 23 primary election ballot in Owyhee County:

First District U.S. Representative (Congress)

Larry Grant (D), Fruitland
Cecil Kelly III (D), Coeur d’Alene
R. Skipper “Skip” Brandt (R), Kooskia
Keith Johnson (R), Boise
Bill Sali (R), Kuna
Norm Semanko (R), Eagle
Sheila Sorensen (R), Boise
Robert Vasquez (R), Caldwell

Governor
Walter Bayes (R), Wilder
Jerry M. Brady (D), Idaho Falls
Lee Chaney Sr. (D), Preston
Ted Dunlap (L), Kuna
Jack Alan Johnson (R), Boise
C.L. “Butch” Otter (R), Star
Marvin Richardson (C), Letha

Lt. Governor
Larry LaRocco (D), Boise
Dan Romero (D), Nampa
Jim Risch (R), Boise
William Charles Wellisch (C), Dingle

State Legislature
District 23
State Senator
Bill Chisholm (D), Buhl
Tom Gannon (R), Buhl

State representative
Seat A
Jim Conder (R), Clover
Jim Patrick (R), Twin Falls
Peter Rickards (D), Twin Falls
Seat B
Bert Brackett (R), Rogerson

Secretary of State
Ben Ysursa (R), Boise

State Controller
Royce C. Chigbrow (R), Boise
Donna Jones (R), Payette
Jackie Groves Twilegar (D), Boise

State Treasurer
Ron G. Crane (R), Nampa
Jill Ellsworth (D), Boise

Attorney General
Myron Dan Gabbert (R), McCall
Bob Wallace (D), Boise
Lawrence G. Wasden (R), Nampa

Superintendent of Public Instruction
Steve Casey (R), Boise
Jana Jones (D), Boise

Tom Luna (R), Nampa
Bert Marley (D), Boise
Steve Smylie (R), Boise

Idaho Supreme Court Justice
Dan Eismann, Boise

Appellate Court Judge
Darrel R. Perry, Boise

Third District Judge
Gregory M. Culet, Caldwell
James C. Morfitt, Caldwell
Juneal C. Kerrick, Caldwell
Renae J. Hoff, Caldwell
Stephen W. Drescher, Weiser

Owyhee County Commissioner
District 1
Jerry Hoaglund (R), Wilson

Note — Incumbent Chris Salove not seeking another term

District 3
Chris Collett (R), Oreana
Richard “Dick” Freund (R), Murphy
Nick Ihli (R), Murphy
Richard “Dick” Reynolds (R), Bruneau

Clerk
Sherry Olson (R), Murphy
Charlotte Sherburn (R), Murphy

Treasurer
Linda Charters (R), Sinker Creek
Brenda Richards (R), Reynolds Creek

Assessor
Brett Endicott (R), Murphy
Gene Winchester (R), Homedale

Coroner
Harvey Grimme (R), Marsing

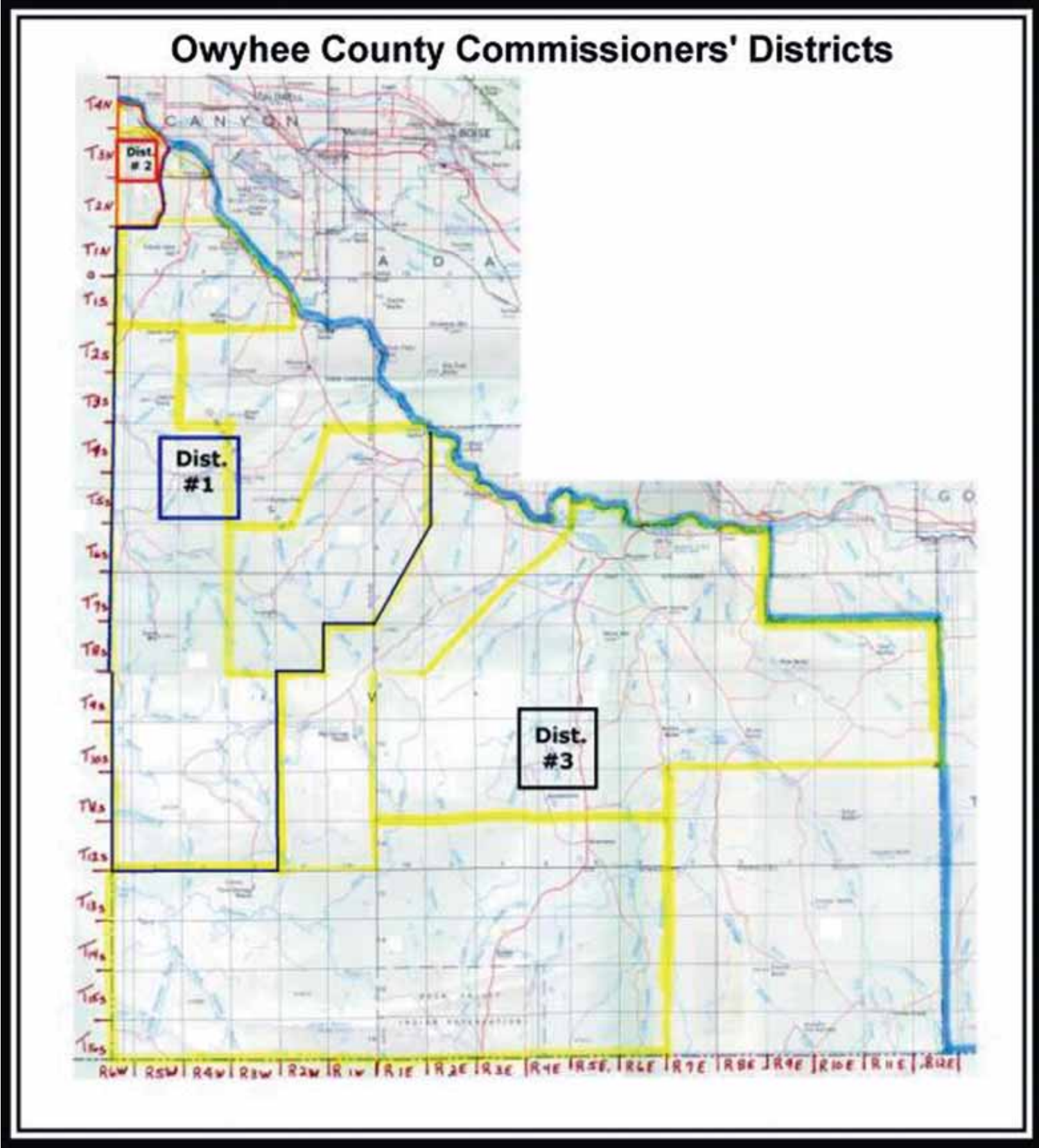
Your reps in the county

The map at the right shows which areas of Owyhee County are represented by which members of the county board of commissioners.

Commission chairman Dick Tolmie represents District 3, which includes western Owyhee County.

Chris Salove, who declined to seek another term, represents District 1, or the western part of the county. Jerry Hoaglund of Wilson is the only man on the primary ballot to take over Salove’s position.

Dick Reynolds of Bruneau holds the District 2 seat, which covers a sliver of the northwestern part of the county. He is being challenged in the primary by Chris Collett of Oreana and Murphy residents Richard Freund and Nick Ihli.



Owyhee County precincts

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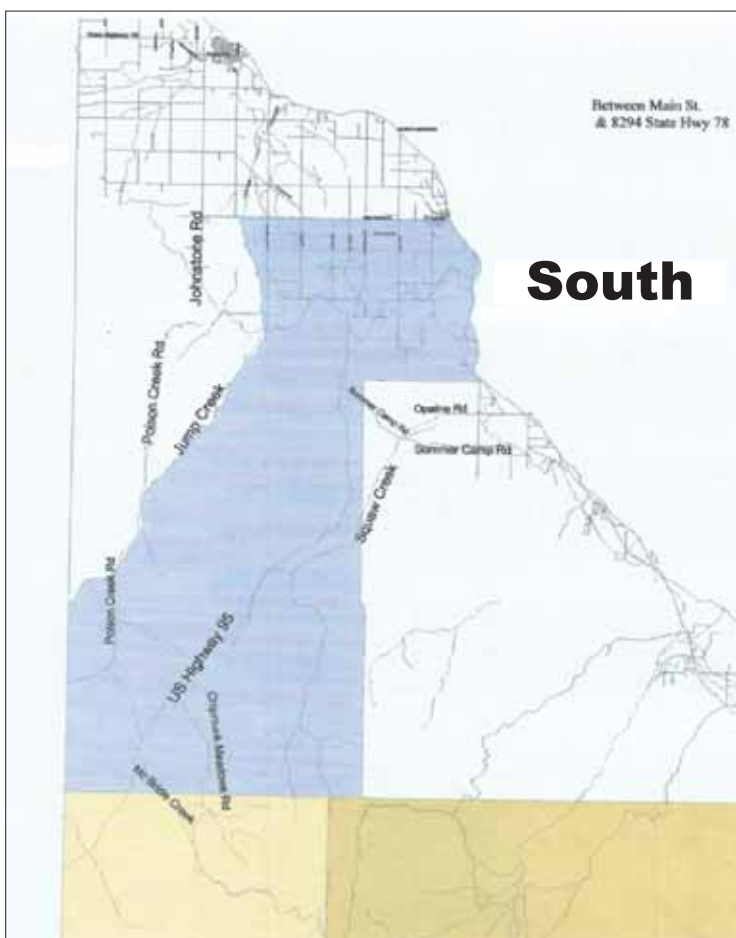
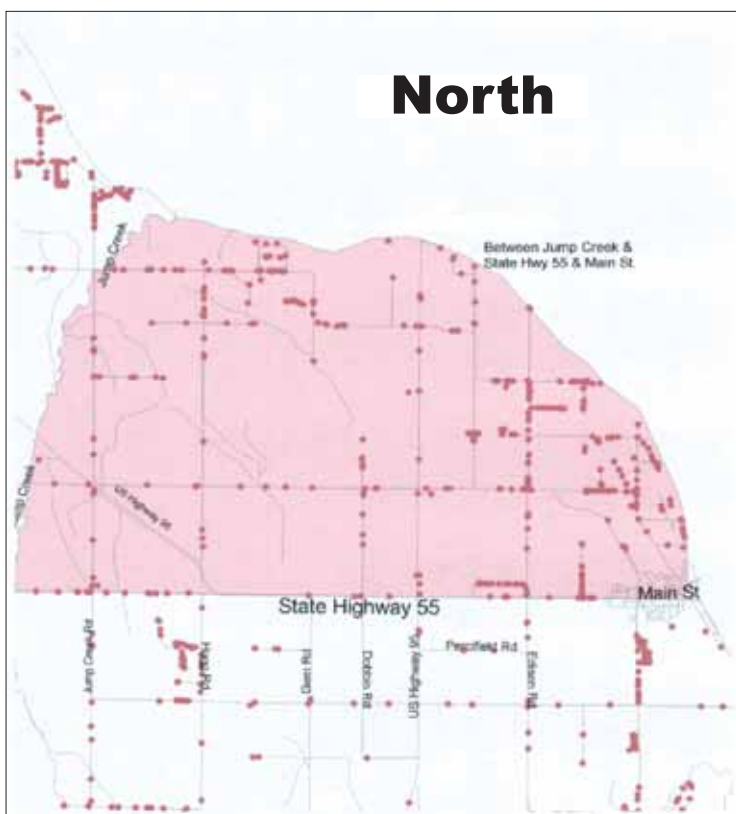
The following two pages include maps showing many of the precinct boundaries for Owyhee County.

The map for the Murphy precinct appears on Page 9C, while the maps for the

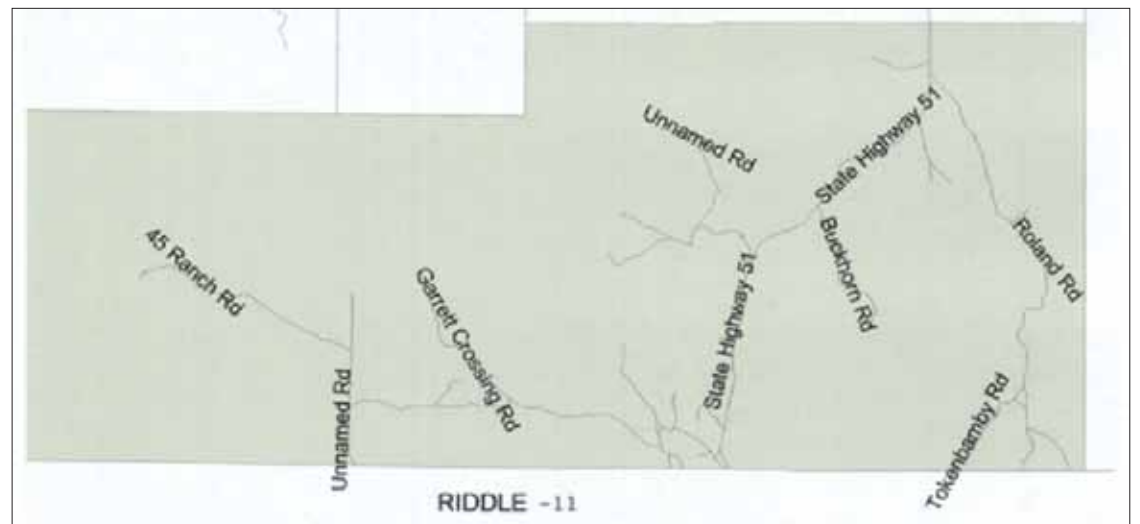
Homedale precincts appear
on Page 14C.

Use these maps to determine the location of your polling place. And get out and vote in the primary on May 23.

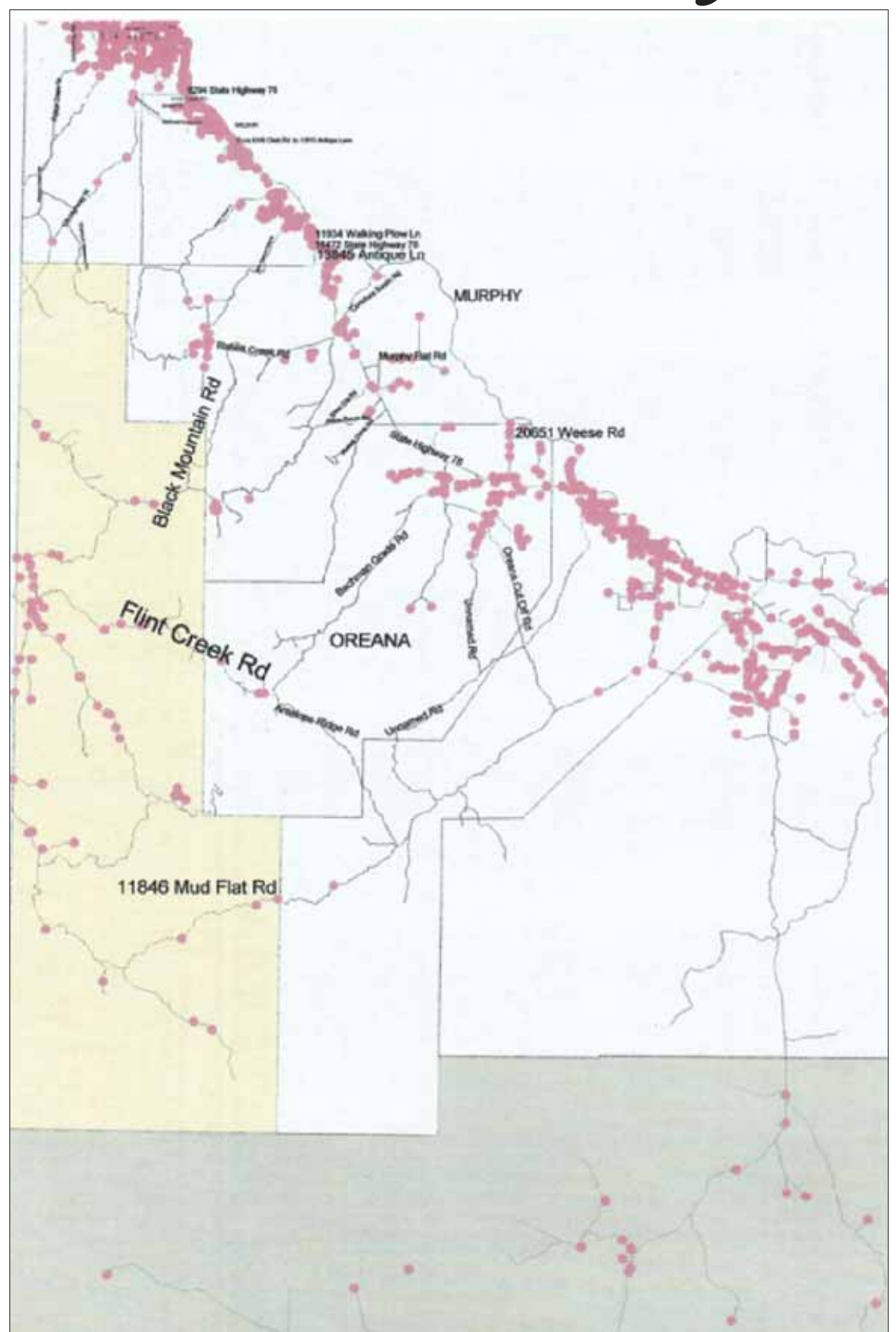
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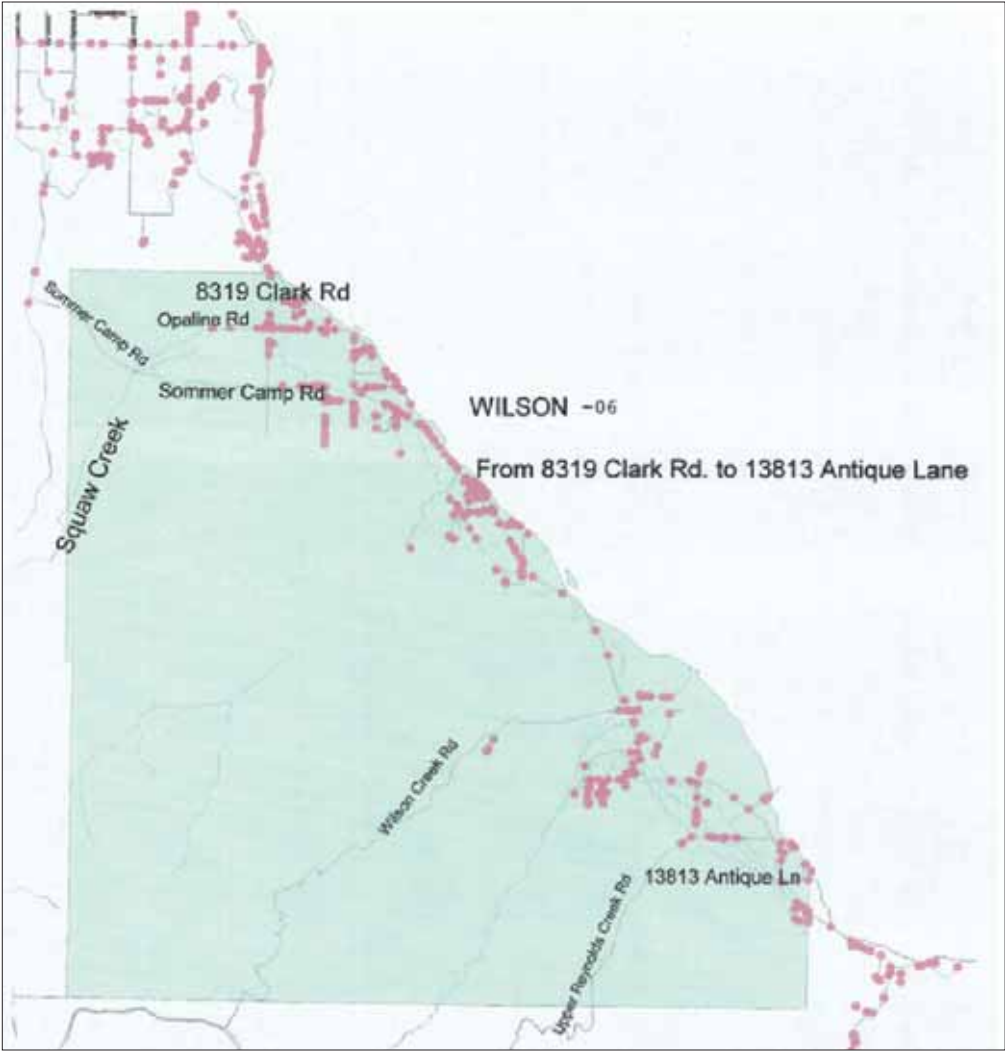


Pleasant Valley



Owyhee County precincts

Wilson

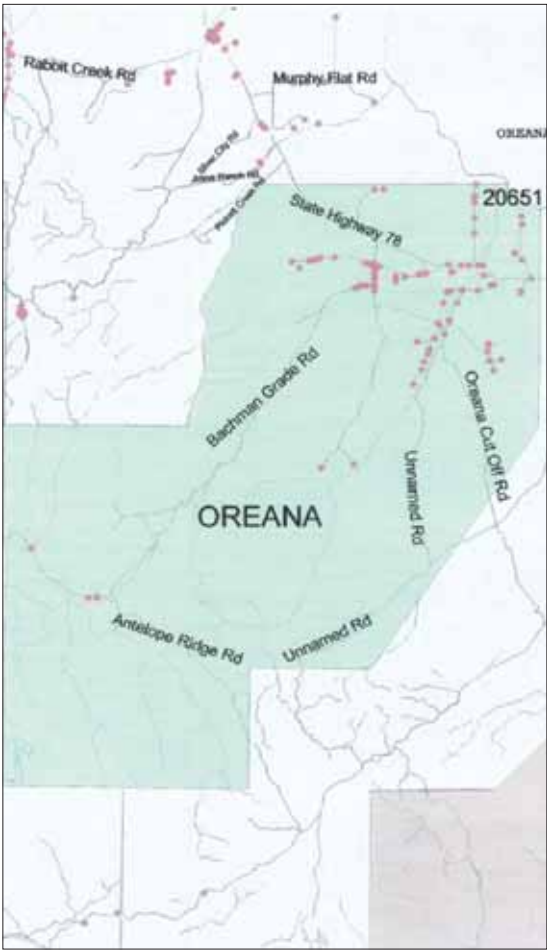


Grand View

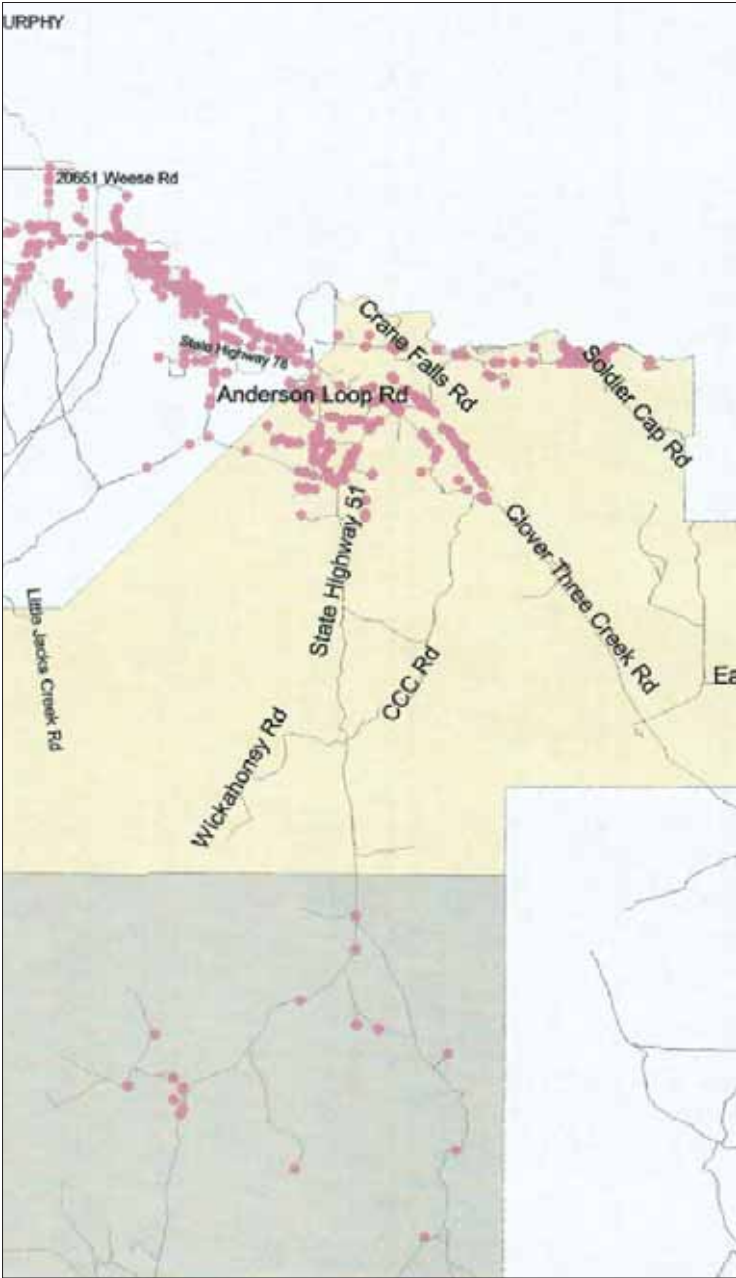
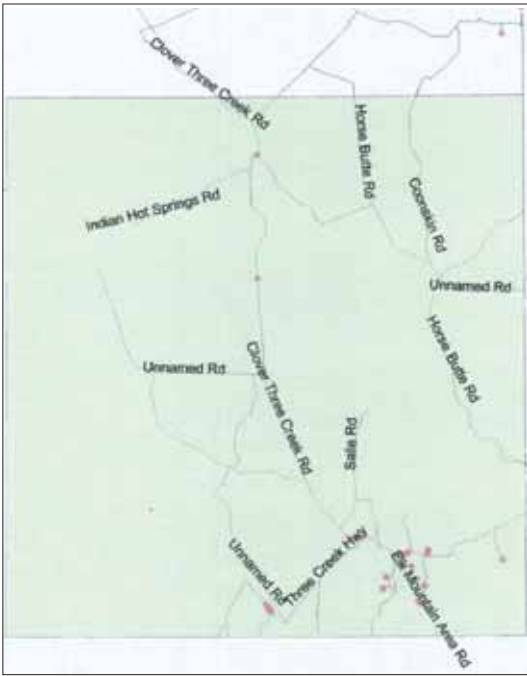


Bruneau

Oreana



Three
Creek



ELECT★★★★★★★★★★★★

Dick
Freund

Owyhee
County Commissioner



Integrity • Reliability • Responsibility

ABOUT MYSELF

- Married 37 years. 5 children & 6 grandchildren
- Viet Nam veteran. 10 years active duty service
- Non Commissioned officers leadership school
 - Owyhee County Sheriff's Deputy 23 years
- Chief Deputy Sheriff of Owyhee County 9 years
 - Advanced law enforcement certification with over 1300 hours of specialized training
- Law Enforcement training certificate from the College of Southern Idaho
 - D.A.R.E. Officer
 - Homedale School Board Trustee for 9 years

THE ISSUES

STAGNATION

No current or future planning in place to aid in decision making

UNBRIDLED DEVELOPMENT

Uncontrolled growth will cost us all. Developers of large subdivisions and industrial centers should pay their own way. Additional demands on fire, law enforcement and emergency medical services... Additional demands on schools...Additional demands on County roads and other infastructure... Additional employees to support additional growth... More people means more demand on the budget. These all mean additional costs for everyone. We must be accountable to the taxpayers for how we spend your money.

RESPECT

- People and their problems can no longer be ignored. They don't just go away. They deserve answers.
- Increase communication between commissioners and employees.
 - Employees are problem solvers every day.

PROPERTY RIGHTS

Federal, State, county or private citizen - you must ask permission to trespass on private property. We must care for public property like it's your own...because it is.

Paid Dick Freund For County Commissioner, Tiffany Walker Treasurer

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- Failed to support recharge of Snake River Aquifer
 - Has no new ideas for Idaho Education and jobs
 - Confused stand on fishing and hunting rights for Idahoans
 - Full-time professional Politician with a track record that's at best questionable
 - Believes in the art of postponement through talk

ADAMSON

- Has constantly opposed the Sale of Idaho Public Lands.
- Came out flatly against it.
- Supported the recharge of Aquifer and run thousand of dollars in TV adds to support it
- Has campaigned on numerous issues that can and will invigorate Idaho education and jobs.
- Clear stand on fishing and hunting rights in favor of Idahoans
- Full-time Idaho businessman that has no political agenda but the betterment of Idaho and Idahoans
- Believes in results through action

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