



Public to meet police chief applicants

Selection committee narrows candidate roster down from nine to three finalists

ENTERPRISE — The City of Enterprise has selected three finalists for the city's vacant Chief of Police position, and the public is invited to meet that trio on Thursday. The city received 11 ré-

sumés for the post, which were reviewed by three chiefs from outside the local area. Afterward, the city invited nine of those 11 submitters to formally apply. The three finalists, all of

whom are law enforcement veterans, include:
 • James Episcopo, traveling the farthest from Brookfield, Ill., 27 years in the field.
 • Joshua Henningsen,

from Clackamas, 15 years.
 • Gregory Peterson, from Redmond, 25-plus years.
 Enterprise Mayor Steve Lear, councilors Jenni Word and Larry Christman, who sit on the Police Committee,

chose eight people to serve on a selection committee. Representation on the selection committee included councilors Word and Dave Elliott; Wallowa County Sheriff's Office; Building

Health Families; Wallowa Valley Center for Wellness; Enterprise High School, the faith community, and a community member at large.

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Chieftain file photo
Sen. Bill Hansell, shown here in a file photo, spoke to a group of residents last Wednesday.

Lawmakers give crash course in state politics

By Kathleen Ellyn
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Senator Bill Hansell (R-Dist. 29) and Representative Greg Barreto (R-Cove) gave a crowd of Wallowa County residents a crash course in the travails of Oregon Republican politicians last Wednesday, Sept. 23, at the Wallowa County Chamber of Commerce Town Hall meeting.

Hansell has been highly positioned in the Senate since his freshman year and serves on the Joint Ways and Means Committee and on two subcommittees of the Ways and Means: Natural Resources and Economic Development and Transportation.

"Any legislation with money attached must go through the Joint Ways and Means Committee," Hansell explained. "I cast 1,012 votes in the last session. In both houses there were 4,500 bills introduced. It's like taking a drink out of a fire hose."

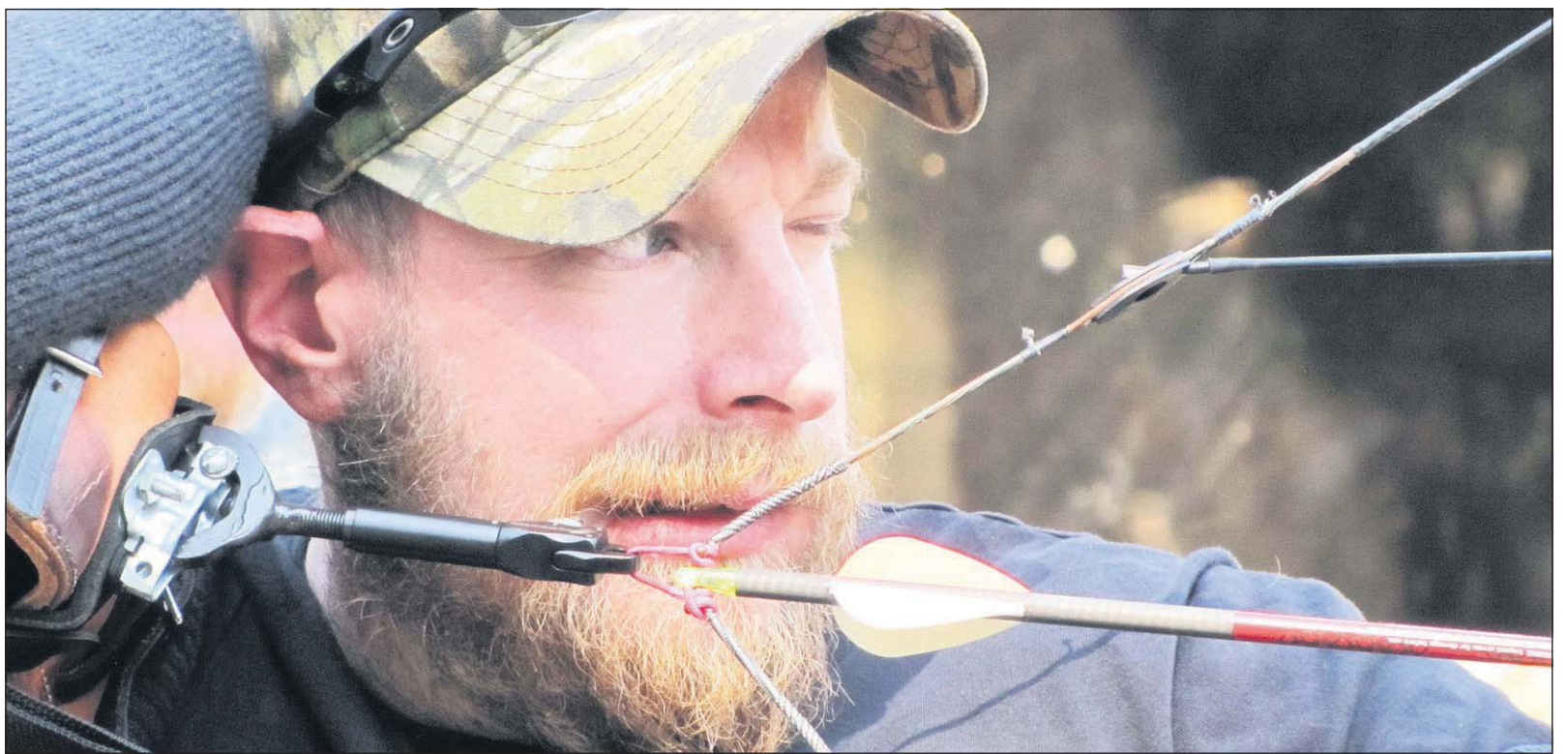
Unfortunately, although he's well positioned to have a say, Hansell is in a super-minority and it is the majority that calls the shots, he said.

"We Republicans were called the 'Road Kill Caucus,'" he said. "We'd go down to the legislature and get run over, and run over and run over."

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IN A GOOD SPACE

DIVIDE CAMP WELCOMES WOUNDED VETS FOR BOW SEASON



Before: Iraq war veteran Trevor Phillips draws back his bow with the aid of an adaptation device both he and Enterprise veteran Joshua Tarvin manufactured to allow Phillips' use of the bow.

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Where do veterans go who suffer the mental or physical wounds of war? Divide Camp, located about 22 miles from Joseph, offers one answer.

The camp, located high in the mountains, allows veterans time and space to decompress from combat by hunting, fishing, reflection and a variety of other pursuits while staying in rustic but comfortable log cabins.

With the advent of bow season, three veterans are enjoying the camp's amenities. Ramiro Flores of Federal Way, Wash., is a combat-wounded veteran still on active duty who is taking time to reboot while on leave.

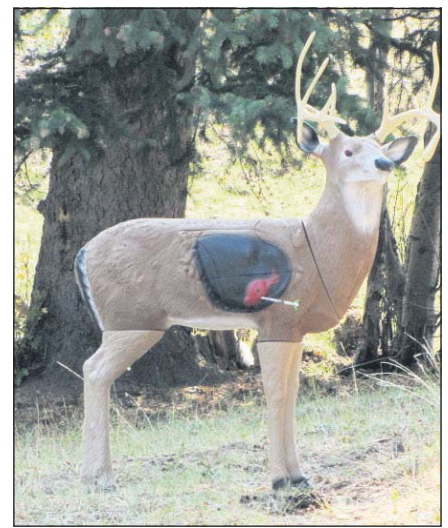
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dividecamp.org
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Tom Walton of Myrtle Creek is an Afghanistan war veteran, and Trevor Phillips, of Onalaska, Wash., saw duty in Iraq, where he lost the lower half of his right arm. Kyle Wieland is a veteran who stayed at the camp while hunting on private property elsewhere.

Enterprise Iraq war veteran Joshua Tarvin was on hand to provide training in archery skills. In fact, he and Phillips worked together to create an adaptation that allows Phillips to draw and shoot a bow, using his teeth to activate the device that releases the bowstring.

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After: Phillips' 3D target suffers a mortal wound after the shot.

Courtesy photo/Scott Stuart

Safe Harbors teaches public to recognize signs of abuse

By Steve Tool
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Safe Harbors, Wallowa County's refuge for victims of domestic abuse or sexual assault, has a message for Wallowa County: "We're all-inclusive, and serve people of every demographic. Your gender, your race, your age, your religion or sexual orientation doesn't matter. We're here to be a safe place for you," said new Safe Harbors director, Amy Stubblefield.

The organization has seen a number of recent changes, including Stefani Duncan taking over as sexual assault victim advocate and Jessi Howard in the role of mobile advocate. Howard is working on establishing outreach programs in Imnaha, Troy, Flora and Wallowa. "We want to look into getting office hours in Wallowa or Imnaha. We need to let the communities know that we'll be accessible to them," Howard said.

Howard also said that local businesses are getting involved with spreading the Safe Harbors message. During October, which is Domestic Violence Awareness Month, Sugar Time Bakery in Enterprise will daily



Part of the multi-talented Safe Harbors crew. From left: Stefani Duncan, Hannah Moulton, Director Amy Stubblefield, and Jessi Howard.

sell treats featuring the domestic violence ribbon with a portion of the proceeds going to Safe Harbors. The organization also just received a new conference table thanks to a Wildhorse Foundation grant and Bronson Log Homes manufacturing the large pine table at a reduced cost.

Stubblefield, the new director, grew

up in the Willamette Valley, subsequently spending time in Las Vegas and Hawaii before settling in Wallowa County in 2006 to finish her schooling at Eastern Oregon University where she eventually received a bachelor's degree in social work.

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County blames White House, Congress for forest woes

By Kathleen Ellyn
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Wallowa County Commissioners have unanimously approved a resolution laying the blame for "the deplorable conditions for restoration or sustainability of the forest" or the President and Congress Natural Resources Advisory Committee (NRAC) president Bruce Dunn presented the resolution for approval at the commissioners' Sept. 21 regular meeting.

The document states that although the Wallowa County Commissioners and NRAC had "engaged in collaboration with Federal Agencies concerning forest health," those processes had "not brought resolution to the deplorable conditions."

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