

ELECTION

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outright — with no vote necessary in November.

According to the official tally, Nash received 1,792 votes (62 percent) to Wolfe's 908 votes (31 percent) and DeBoie's 171 votes (6 percent). DeBoie announced that he was halting his campaign about three weeks prior to the primary, but his name remained on the ballot.

Any candidate who draws more than 50 percent of the vote in the primary is declared the winner.

As per usual, Wallowa County saw a much higher turnout rate than most other Oregon counties, with 64 percent of registered voters participating, as opposed to an average of just over 50 percent in other counties.

The day after the election, Nash said he was nervous about the race.

"Of course I was nervous," Nash said. "I thought Steve (Wolfe) ran a pretty aggressive campaign. He put out a lot of signs, he had a lot of radio ads, ads in the newspapers and he was out and about garnering votes — I had every reason to be nervous."

The new commissioner

got the news after visiting the courthouse at about 8 p.m. on election night. He said Wolfe was there and cordially shook hands and offered Nash congratulations. Nash said he had no idea on why he won out over the other candidates.

"I appreciate that people have trust in me," he said.

Until he takes office in January, Nash plans to spend time in contact with the current commissioners — Susan Roberts, Paul Castilleja and interim commissioner John Lawrence — to learn the ropes. He said he needs to tie up some loose ends as part owner and manager of Marr Flat Cattle Co. before he takes office.

"I'll be way more detached from it than I am now."

Nash said that as commissioner he intends to concentrate his abilities on the county's natural resources, particularly in opening up national forest land to more harvesting so that loggers and mills can be guaranteed enough timber to remain viable.

"I think we need that kind of certainty from the Wallowa-Whitman National Forest," he said.

Nash also noted that the approximately \$860,000 per year the county receives from the government for the combined Payment in Lieu of Taxes and

Secure Rural Schools funds is coming to an end.

"We don't want to have to go to the government and beg for money. We would rather produce it ourselves and have people employed in the woods. It generates so much more, and from that, somebody could possibly set up a new mill ... All of those things are big contributing factors to our economy here."

He also mentioned that if PILT/SRS funding is slashed, the county road department budget will take a hit as those funds comprise a large percentage of its budget.

Nash said that the main thing to remember when attempting to affect changes in government forest policy is to remember that no one can do it alone.

"There's going to be some horse trading, but we need to find a place where all parties can say, 'This is allowable,' and then try to figure out a way to get there. We've got a lot of work to do, and it won't happen overnight."

Commissioners Roberts and Lawrence said they are looking forward to working with Nash.

"He and I are both looking forward to working together until the end of December," Lawrence said.

Roberts added that all the

commissioners asked Nash to visit weekly to learn the nuances of the job and that he had agreed.

"That way he won't suffer too much from shell shock," Roberts said.

Commissioner Paul Castilleja was unavailable for comment.

Other statewide and county results:

Democratic Presidential Primary

955 of 1,000 precincts - 96 percent
x-Bernie Sanders 320,746 - 56 percent
Hillary Clinton 251,739 - 44 percent
Wallowa County
Bernie Sanders 331 - 57 percent
Hillary Clinton 495 - 38 percent

Republican Presidential Primary

933 of 1,000 precincts - 93 percent
x-Donald Trump 240,804 - 67 percent
Ted Cruz 61,590 - 17 percent
John Kasich 59,096 - 16 percent
Wallowa County
Donald Trump 1,245 - 73 percent
Ted Cruz 271 - 16 percent
John Kasich 153 - 9 percent

Governor - Democrat

928 of 1,000 precincts - 93 percent
x-Kate Brown (i) 452,320 - 85 percent
Julian Bell 38,487 - 7 percent
Dave Stauffer 14,992 - 3 percent
Steve Johnson 12,474 - 2 percent
Kevin Forsythe 9,442 - 2 percent
Chet Chance 5,163 - 1 percent
Wallowa County
Kate Brown (i) 642 - 79 percent
Julian Bell 52 - 6 percent
Dave Stauffer 46 - 6 percent
Steve Johnson 20 - 2 percent

Kevin Forsythe 16 - 2 percent
Chet Chance 9 - 1 percent

Governor - Republican

921 of 1,000 precincts - 92 percent
x-Bud Pierce 162,106 - 48 percent
Allen Alley 98,582 - 29 percent
Bruce Cuff 39,368 - 12 percent
Bob Niemeyer 33,987 - 10 percent
Bob Forthan 4,041 - 1 percent
Wallowa County
Bud Pierce 696 - 45 percent
Allen Alley 445 - 29 percent
Bruce Cuff 208 - 13 percent
Bob Niemeyer 175 - 11 percent
Bob Forthan 25 - 2 percent

Governor - Independent

931 of 1,000 precincts - 93 percent
x-Cliff Thomason 9,165 - 59 percent
Patrick Barney 6,383 - 41 percent
Wallowa County
Cliff Thomason 37 - 44 percent
Patrick Barney 18 - 21 percent

U.S. Senate - Democrat

930 of 1,000 precincts - 93 percent
x-Ron Wyden (i) 459,658 - 84 percent
Kevin Stine 70,081 - 13 percent
Paul Weaver 18,730 - 3 percent
Wallowa County
Ron Wyden (i) 732 - 86 percent
Kevin Stine 94 - 11 percent
Paul Weaver 18 - 2 percent

U.S. Senate - Republican

909 of 1,000 precincts - 91 percent
x-Mark Callahan 115,589 - 39 percent
Sam Carpenter 97,570 - 33 percent
Faye Stewart 53,618 - 18 percent
Dan Laschober 31,993 - 11 percent
Wallowa County

Mark Callahan 528 - 38 percent
Sam Carpenter 570 - 41 percent
Faye Stewart 151 - 11 percent
Dan Laschober 128 - 9 percent

U.S. Senate - Independent

922 of 1,000 precincts - 92 percent
x-Steven Reynolds 9,790 - 69 percent
Marvin Sandnes 4,370 - 31 percent
Wallowa County
Steven Reynolds 35 - 46 percent
Marvin Sandnes 12 - 16 percent

U.S. House District 2 - Republican

197 of 197 precincts - 100 percent
x-Greg Walden (i) 82,903 - 80 percent
Paul Romero 20,446 - 20 percent
Wallowa County
Greg Walden (i) 1,430 - 84 percent
Paul Romero 278 - 16 percent

Secretary of State - Democrat

914 of 1,000 precincts - 91 percent
x-Brad Avakian 187,213 - 39 percent
Val Hoyle 162,847 - 34 percent
Richard Devlin 126,806 - 27 percent
Wallowa County
Brad Avakian 246 - 36 percent
Val Hoyle 237 - 35 percent
Richard Devlin 187 - 27 percent

Secretary of State - Republican

912 of 1,000 precincts - 91 percent
x-Dennis Richardson 256,597 - 78 percent
Sid Leiken 70,318 - 22 percent
Wallowa County
Dennis Richardson 1,274 - 86 percent
Sid Leiken 203 - 14 percent

QUILTS

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Each quilt was finely crafted with a red, white and blue patriotic theme and stuffed chock-full of batting to keep the veterans warm at night for years to come.

About the vets:

• George Hill is a retired Air Force veteran who lives in Enterprise and started his service in the Marine Corps, where he served on active duty from 1960-1977. In 1977 he joined the Air Force Reserve, where he served on both active and inactive duty until 2000.

"I served more than 40 years," he said.

As for his quilt, Hill fore-

sees it getting plenty of use.

"I'll have it next to my chair. When I get up in the morning it's usually kind of chilly, so I'll need it."

• Jim Elliot served in the Army from 1954-1955, shortly after the Korean War ended.

"I got there just after they settled it — the best time to be there," he said.

Asked if he enjoyed the service, he said, "No, I'm just like everyone else. I don't like to be told what to do."

Regarding his quilt: "It's a beautiful thing. It's really something else. I didn't even know they made these things! It makes you glad you were in and did your part."

• Don Stein served in the Air Force from 1954-1974. He said he mostly enjoyed his time in the service and thought of the quilt as a bonus.

"I'm putting this right next to my chair as soon as I get home."

• Bert McCormack is an Army veteran and served in Vietnam from 1966-1968 in the Ninth Infantry Division. He proudly wore his quilt on his shoulders.

• Gene Bieraugal of Flora served in the Navy as a pilot from 1961-1987. He said he

enjoyed his time in the service.

"I never had to jump out of airplanes or anything drastic. It was a good career."

Bieraugal planned to put his quilt to work immediately.

"Up there where we winter, it's nice to pull out a quilt and snuggle in. A guy could hang this up as a decorative item, and it's a real surprise."

CHIEF

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Wallowa County is his "dream place," and he has been following The Chieftain religiously since applying for the job, getting to know everything he can

about the place and people.

Fish and his wife of 27 years, Catherine, have two children, a grown daughter and a 10-year-old son Joseph, who began classes at Enterprise School District on Thursday.

"He's already made a new friend," said Chief Fish.

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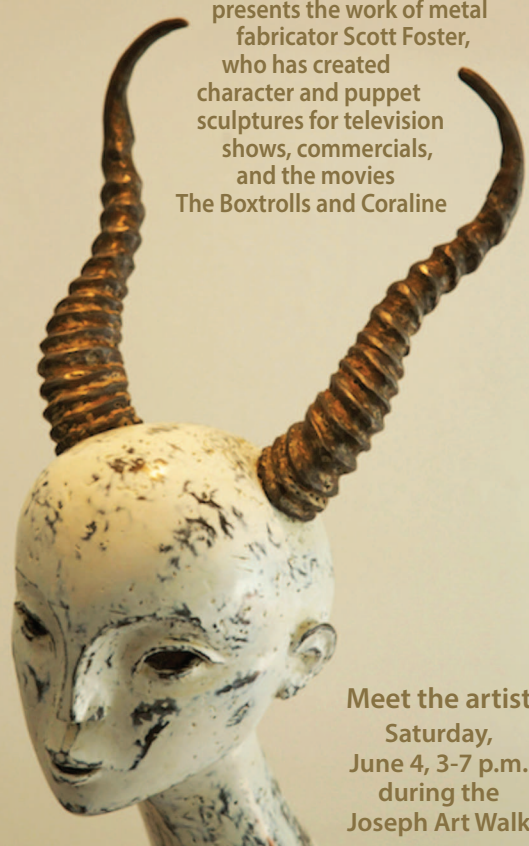
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