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FHBC Chairman Blaine Edmo steps down, council seat opens

By ROSELYNN WAHTOMY **Sho-Ban News**

POCATELLO - The Fort Hall Business Council (FHBC) now have a vacancy due to the recent notice of voluntary retirement by Chairman Blaine Edmo on April 17.

The April 18 date will begin a 60-day time frame to hold a special General Election, which will take place on Friday, June 16 to fill the vacancy. Qualified tribal members interested in running for the FHBC may pickup applications at the Tribal Administration office beginning April 18 and the deadline is May 18.

According to a press release issued from Randy'L Teton, public affairs manager, Edmo's written notice cited his personal health concerns and his family's well being as a reason to step down after 15 years of public service.

Vice Chairman Darrell Shay will fill the role of Acting Chairman until after the upcoming general election and the new officers are appointed. This is in accordance with the Tribal Constitution, Article V, Section 1, a separate election will occur in order to fill the vacant posi-

Edmo's retirement falls on the heels

of some tribal members questioning his ethics, concerning his involvement with drawing or issuing checks with insufficient funds at the Trading Post Grocery Store from 2004 to 2008 for over \$15,000.

In Edmo's notice to the Fort Hall Business Council and the general membership of the Shoshone-Bannock Tribes he stated, "Recently there have been Social Media posts that have implied that I am not the person to hold office due to these allegations. I have long since paid all debts in full back at the time of the allegations. The allegations made against other people I can't address."

Edmo's full letter can be read in the Sho-Ban News opinion page.

Darrell Shay will assume the Ross Fork District meetings for now.

Tribal member Sheryl Slim took out a recall petitions on FHBC Chairman Blaine Edmo and Vice-Chairman Darrell Shay for the reason of having a vote of no confidence of the leadership, which is due April 20 at 5 p.m. She will need to produce a total of 409 signatures.

Zelberta Begay from the Election Board advised Edmo's recall is now void. Shay's recall status is unknown as of press

Miss Shoshone-Bannock prepares for MIW pageant

FORT HALL — A meet and greet for Miss Shoshone-Bannock

Taylor Haskett is April 20 at 4:30 p.m. in the Tribal Business Center Dome Room as she is vying for Miss Indian World April 25 to 29 at the Gathering of Nations in Albuquerque, N.M.

All hand drum singers are invited. Cake will be served. In addition, Taylor will be selling raffle tickets for \$2.50 each.

For her talent, Taylor is telling the Creation story - the Water people (animals) version. Her mother Bobette said as she is telling the story she

will demonstrate wrapping her hair in otter furs. She will be wearing a buckskin dress and her props include a beaver pelt, otter pelt and muskrat pelt. Taylor trapped the beavers and muskrats with her father Russell and her brother Tim.

Taylor has sold the

required number of raffle tickets to run for the title, however she still has some available for sale.

Bobette and Tim will be traveling with her to Albuquerque while her father Russell and sister Mia will stay at home because she can't miss school.



MSB Taylor Haskett. (Photo courtesy of Necha Mendoza)

Culture & traditions kept alive with Ceremonial Buffalo Hunt

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JACKSON HOLE, Wyo. - The Shoshone-Bannock Tribes tenth annual Ceremonial Buffalo Hunt brought families and community together at the National Elk Refuge on Thursday, April 13.

Prior to the start of the hunt, tribal elder Carlino Broncho said a prayer for the hunters to help with protection and so things would be done the right

The five hunters selected from the tribes were chosen among veterans, elders and youth - each of them an experienced hunter. This years hunters were Jack Dixey; Rick Yellowhair; Bruce Baldwin Jr., TeeJay Appenay; and Theodore Means.

The Shoshone-Bannock Tribes are allowed to take five buffalo every year, explained Claudeo Broncho, Fish & Wildlife Policy Representative.

"This is our backyard, our homeland that we traveled through and camped through here in the history. We got cultural sites that are here on the refuge," he said, adding other tribes do too, such as the Eastern Shoshone.

The meat is used for subsistence for the Shoshone-Bannock Tribes throughout the year at social gatherings such as the Camas Prairie Homecoming, Agai-Dika Gathering, Bannock Reunion, Shoshonean Reunion, some of the Sundances and funerals.

The hunters can keep the skulls, hides and whatever parts of the buffalo they want, so long as every part of the buffalo is used.

'We come from buffalo people – we use that buffalo in a sacred way because we utilize them in our ceremonies," said Broncho.

tribal people The respect the buffalo and do the best they can to keep the culture and traditions



From left, spotter Gaylen Dixey with hunters Jack Dixey, Rick Yellowhair, Bruce Baldwin Jr., TeeJay Appenay and Theodore Means. (Roselynn Wahtomy photos)



Youth observe as the buffalo hunted by TeeJay Appenay is prepared for transport.

alive. The youth hunter signifies the future and is the one who will fill the shoes of seasoned hunters.

The Shoshone-Bannock people have their own buffalo on the Fort Hall reservation, where they also have hunts. They also have a treaty right where they go to hunt buffalo in the West Yellowstone/ Gardiner, Mont. area.

Fish & Game Captain Game Warden, Tom Wadsworth, directed each

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A sharp knife is used to skin the hide off a buffalo.



A buffalo roams the National Elk Refuge on the sunny morning of the hunt on April 13.



Shoshone-Bannock elder Carlino Broncho speaks to participants prior to the prayer.



Payton Sequints cedars his daughter Taylee.

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HUNT, continued

of the hunters to go with a game warden while their families were told to stay back until it was safe to join. Wadsworth explained the ideal place for a hunter to take their shot is behind the ear and if they have to take a body shot, to aim nearest the heart. He cautioned if it was a big bull and it took a body shot, there was a possibility it could run and they would have to go after it.

"One animal, one kill," he said.

Theodore Means is a U.S. Marine Corps veteran and was a Cannon Crewmember. He got a little emotional when taking his buffalo and was honored to be chosen to harvest. Besides honoring Shoshone-Bannock people, he remembered his Lakota side and felt proud to represent both.

He described how he came about the buffalo by crouching into a prone position and aiming his .300 Winchester Magnum behind the ear.

"He went down the first shot, so there was no suffering or nothing like that," he said. He was thankful for everyone helping each other out.

"It's a good feeling right now and I'm proud to be a part of it," said Means.

TeeJay Appenay is a junior at Shoshone-Bannock Jr./Sr. High School and is the son of Todd Appenay and Candace Chandler.

He was grateful to be selected for the hunt and has been a hunter and fisherman all his life, although it was his first time shooting a buffalo.

As Appenay came across the herd, he chose the largest one and aimed at its neck from a distance of 100 yards. He took down the buffalo in one

"I felt pretty good because I prayed to the Creator to make it a nice, easy shot and death," he

Appenay would like to see youth carry on the traditions and continue to return back to the hunt each year.

Jack Dixey put in for the hunt as a U.S. Navy veteran, where he served for four years. He spent three years in the Pacific area and the fourth year in the Mekong Delta area of Vietnam.

He has been a hunter all his life and is used to shooting elk and deer. It was Dixey's first time shooting a buffalo and he discovered they are a little different to hunt. He wound up shooting the buffalo twice with a .338 and had the assistance of Aaron Broncho to finish the kill.

"They told me they were tough but I didn't believe it until I shot this one and they are tough animals," he said.

Dixey felt it was a good hunt and not too far from the road. His wife, daughter and her family all pitched in to help prepare the animal and it was a good experience for all of them.

It was a surprise for Rick Yellowhair to be selected as an elder hunter and he came with no knife or gun. It was his third trip to the National Elk chosen as an alternate of the meat. hunter.

He filled in as an alternate for Bruce Jackson, who did not attend the

At first he was nervous because he knew Tribes, so there was a little prayer to offer thanks. bit of pressure there to humanely put the animal he said. down quick and fast.



Early morning sunlight on the Tetons reflects off a pond at the National Elk Refuge on April 13. (Roselynn Wahtomy photos)

Yellowhair said the hunt went by pretty quick. He was led to a designated area where he seen the buffalo that needed to be harvested. He hiked up the road about 100 yards and the buffalo were still another 200 yards out. Tom Wadsworth was his spotter and directed him to take his shot. He aimed and pulled the trigger, which hit the buffalo just behind it's ear and followed up with a second shot to the

Yellowhair believes important for the Shoshone-Bannock people to do the hunts every year because it's a cultural activity that shows the younger Refuge, but his first time generation how to take care

"The school came today, they brought their kids with them to participate in the skinning, the gutting and to observe the process of taking care of the game," he said. Adding after they he was representing the shot the buffalo they said a

"It's a good experience make a clean kill and to and I'm glad I was selected,

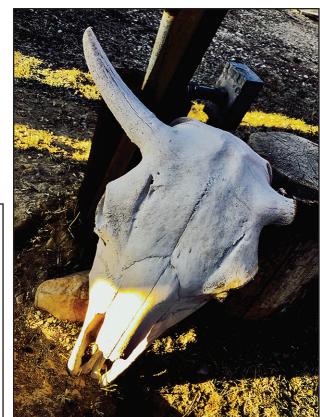
Bruce Baldwin Jr.



Cooks Nola Cates, Samantha Starlight and Kim Becker prepared breakfast and lunch for hunters and their helpers.

had a successful hunt, but declined to be interviewed.

After the buffalo are hunted, families of hunters and community volunteers helped with the skinning and preparing the meat to bring home.



A buffalo skull sits on a post.

Buffalo surround their fallen brother.





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The families of hunters use binoculars to watch the hunt.