

CITY OF BLACKFOOT - MAYOR

Vote for 1

BRENT ARAVE

EDUCATION: Bachelor’s Degree in Business Admiration

EXPERIENCE: Most of my life has been in construction but includes ranching, working with hydrogen for automobiles and composting garbage.

STATEMENT: I have been a resident of Blackfoot since 1964. I love this town and I feel that we can make some improvements. I believe that we need to make some changes in order to lower the tax burden on the citizens while improving serves. I would like to see more activities for the youth. I served on the Blackfoot Pride Days Committee. I ran a youth church basketball program for 35 years. I have coached basketball and football in youth programs. I hope that I can contribute to the betterment of the City of Blackfoot and its residents.



MIKE OBORN

EDUCATION: Pocatello HS / Alameda HS Colorado, 20 years of automotive Education

EXPERIENCE: 25+ years ASE Certified Technician. Business Owner, 7 years Maintenance/Assistant Foreman for Blackfoot SD #55, 5 years West Side Ditch President

STATEMENT: I was raised nearby in Pocatello and spent 35 years in the Denver area before returning to the Southeast Idaho, where I’ve lived for over seven years. My deep connection to this region fuels my commitment to preserving Blackfoot’s rich farming and ranching heritage. I’m not a career politician, I’m a problem-solver with a lifetime of tackling challenges using practical, common-sense approaches. I believe no goal is out of reach with the right mindset and determination. If elected, I will foster open communication through an accessible, open-door policy, ensuring every resident’s voice is heard. My vision for Blackfoot includes thoughtful, controlled growth that maintains our cherished small-town charm. I also support community priorities, such as establishing a recreation/aquatic center, restoring Jensen’s Grove water during the summer months. I believe these are achievable with collaborative effort. I am ready to lead Blackfoot with a willingness to listen, dedication to our community, a genuine commitment to serve, while celebrating its distinct identity.



SCOTT D. STUFFLEBEAM

EDUCATION: Bachelor of Science in Business Finance, Juris Doctor (Law Degree), and completed doctoral work in Organizational Leadership.

EXPERIENCE: Over 40 years practicing law in real estate, business, contracts, and estate planning. 6+ years on the City Planning & Zoning Board, now serving as Chairman. Former President of First American Title, where I helped grow the company from one office in Blackfoot to more than 30 offices across three states, leading over 400 employees. Certified Master Business Coach with the Brian Tracy organization, mentoring leaders and organizations to achieve peak performance.

STATEMENT: Our community deserves a mayor who combines real-world leadership, financial know-how, and the ability to ask the right questions before making decisions that affect every household. While others bring important skills in enforcement and investments, I bring decades of experience leading complex organizations, creating jobs, and ensuring understanding and fairness through the law. I understand that good ideas on paper must also work in practice—and that listening, planning, and applying proven strategies makes the difference between success and costly mistakes. I will use my business, legal, and leadership background to guide our city with vision, accountability, and results. Together, we can build a better future.



MELWOOD C. MATSON

EDUCATION: Graduated from 5 Police Academies, attended over 2000 hours of Law Enforcement, Supervision, Management and Administrative courses at college level.

EXPERIENCE: I have been involved in Municipal Law Enforcement since 1975. I have been a Police Chief in three separate cities in three states. I was an original member of the newly developed FEMA Operation for the State of Wyoming.

STATEMENT: As every where growth is coming to Blackfoot. I have seen first hand the different methods to deal with growth. We must be ahead of the issues growth develops. We can not sit by and “see what happens”. As Mayor I would plan, develop and implement a healthy growth plan that will make Blackfoot thrive for many years to come.



BLACKFOOT SCHOOL DISTRICT - TRUSTEE ZONE 1

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KEVIN CALLAHAN

EDUCATION: Idaho State study in Business and History

EXPERIENCE: Over 15+ years in the Education, Assistant Teacher, Chairmen School Boards, Vice of School Boards, Chairmen of Parent Committees.

STATEMENT: A father of four children 2 of my children are High School Graduates & two more in the High School. I feel with my years of experience within the School system I would love to continue in my position as a Blackfoot Trustee working for our community & our children’s education. I have been a passionate defender of all of our children’s education and would continue being a advocate for us another 4 years if elected.



TARYN SHOYO

EDUCATION: B.A. Human Services with and Emphasis in Native American Communities.

EXPERIENCE: Served on Indian Education Committee for Blackfoot School District for 6 years.

STATEMENT: I am a proud member of the Shoshone-Bannock Tribes located in Fort Hall. I have been an active parent involved with Parent Committees for Fort Hall Elementary, Blackfoot Sixth Grade, Mountain View Middle School and Blackfoot High School. I had the privilege to serve on the Indian Education Committee for Blackfoot School Distract for 6 years and we worked to ensure our children received services to help them achieve their education goals. I am an advocate for public education and welcome the opportunity to represent my Indigenous people to share our vison and goals concerning our children to receive quality education in our school district. My prior experience as an officer for the Indian Education Committee included policy creation, financial oversight, accountability and community leadership. I feel that it is very important to ensure communication between the School Board, Students and Parents of Blackfoot School District. I have over 15 years experience developing and implementing on policies and community involvement. I ask for your vote and support for a seat on the School Board for Blackfoot School District. Oose!

