

CITY OF BASALT - CITY COUNCIL

Vote for 2

LAURA BURCH

EDUCATION: Bachelors of Business Administration, Idaho State University

EXPERIENCE: City Council member 2021 – 2025

STATEMENT: Laura Burch, a 21 year resident of Basalt, is proud to announce her candidacy for re-election to the Basalt City Council. With four years of dedicated service on the council, Laura brings a wealth of experience, a deep commitment to community, and a proven track record of results. Holding a degree in Business and Public Administration, Laura combines academic insight with over 20 years of hands-on experience in public service and grant management. Her work has consistently focused on improving local infrastructure, bringing the community together, and ensuring responsible fiscal stewardship. Laura believes in transparent governance, community, and empowering residents to shape the future of Basalt. She looks forward to continuing her service and working with you to build a stronger, more vibrant community.

ALAN KREMIN

EDUCATION: 4 year HVAC Journeyman from ISU

EXPERIENCE: 45 years as a business owner serving Residential and Commercial Customers in Bingham County and surrounding areas in the HVAC industry. Has served as city councilman interim for the past 8 months.

STATEMENT: At the heart of Alan Kremin’s work and personal life are a set of guiding principles that shape every endeavor. Alan believes in the power of community, the necessity of lifelong learning, and the importance of empathy in leadership. These values manifest not only in professional achievements but also in Alan’s engagement with civic and volunteer activities. Alan’s philosophy centers on the idea that success is most meaningful when it contributes to the well-being of others. As a mentor and collaborator, Alan fosters environments where diverse perspectives are valued, and innovation is encouraged. This commitment to inclusivity and growth is evident in all aspects of Alan’s life.



GIL PATTON

EDUCATION: AA Administration of Justice, numerous FEMA Courses including ICS 100, 200, 300, 400, Instructor Certificate. COOP Certificate. CERT 4T, Grant writer course.

EXPERIENCE: 30+ years working with Federal, State, County and City governments. I helped set up the C-8 CERT management program for Contra Cost County, and the CERT program for the City of Martinez. I have gotten grants for the City of Martinez, and County of Contra Costa. I have setup and chaired intergovernmental committees.

STATEMENT: Since 2019 I have attended all but two city council meetings. I have pushed for the city to apply for various grants to improve city operations and ease the cost to the tax payers. I have recorded the City of Basalt’s Council Meetings and posted them on YT so that those who cannot attend the meetings can watch them and learn how the city is run and what is happening. For my civic service in Martinez CA, the city council declared October 3rd as Gilford Patton Day. I strongly believe that elected officials are to serve the public not the other way around.



MARTIN V. WILSON

EDUCATION: Graduated Page High, Page Az. 1997. Graduated Arizona Welding Institute 2001.

EXPERIENCE: Traveled the country for 9 years, from California to Maine working to support my family!

STATEMENT: My name is Marty Wilson. I have lived in Bingham County for 21 years. I have been married to my wife Donna for 21 years and we have 3 sons, Gabe, Brady and Max. My wife and I both graduated High School in Page, Arizona. We loved living in a small community and now we wanted our kids too as well. When traveling the US as young adults we loved this area and the people here. In 2004 I ended up with a job helping build the Modelo Barley plant in Idaho Falls and we made the move to Bingham County. I love this community and want to be as much as involved as I can which is why I have chosen to run for our City Council. I like helping my neighbors in our community just to see them live well. I want us all to live the best we can!

FIRTH SCHOOL DISTRICT - TRUSTEE ZONE 4

Vote for 1

BRYCE JOLLEY

EDUCATION: Idaho State University

EXPERIENCE: Professional Land Surveyor, retired as President/Owner HLE Engineering & Surveying Inc.

STATEMENT: I am a third-generation resident and long-time supporter of the Firth School District. All four of my children graduated from Firth, and I have eight grandchildren currently enrolled. I’ve proudly coached boys’ and girls’ middle and high school basketball for over 20 years, including serving on the coaching staff of the 2014 Girls State Championship team. My deep roots in this community drive my commitment to the future of our schools. I believe the role of a school board member goes beyond simply overseeing the superintendent. Board members are elected to represent the patrons of the district and ensure that administrators follow district policies and act in the best interest of students and families. In recent months, I’ve spoken with many teachers, parents, and community members who feel that change is needed. While some believe the board has limited influence, I believe it has the responsibility to act. With decades of experience running a multi-million dollar business, I understand the importance of accountability, budgeting, and transparency. It’s time to ask why we’re losing students and address issues like the need for restrooms at the athletic fields



AARON TAYLOR

EDUCATION: Firth High School Graduate; EITC Journeyman Plumbing School; Contractor licensure

EXPERIENCE: 4 years of Firth School District Board member; Owner of Wolverine Plumbing

STATEMENT: Being born and raised in Firth, has given me the background that has molded me as the man I am now and my work ethic. The clique, “it takes a village,” has proven to be correct in my life. Besides my family, many of the community members have made an impact on my life and my ideals. After moving from the area for a time, I was able to see fresh ideas and how those ideas impacted the community. Now that I have moved my family back to Firth, I have been able to implement some of those great ideas while keeping what is great about Firth. I have been serving for the last 4 years as the board trustee for Zone 4. I have worked closely with the Superintendent and have tried to be involved in getting to know the teachers and supporting them. I have also been available to my constituents and have heard their concerns. I would appreciate your vote to continue serving this great community I call home.



FIRTH SCHOOL DISTRICT - TRUSTEE ZONE 5

Vote for 1

EMILY FREEMAN

EDUCATION: Ricks College – AA in Culinary Arts. Brigham Young University-Idaho – BS Earth/Natural Sciences Secondary Education.

EXPERIENCE: ABC Tutor – helping with ELA and Math for K-6 grade. Idaho Virtual Academy (Alt)- Science Teacher.

STATEMENT: I have been working in education for 20+ years as a tutor, teacher, and now a school counselor. My experience in education has included all ages from Kindergarten to College aged Students. I have learned the importance of local governance in the success of our school systems. My experience in education brings a different perspective to the school board which has aided the school in a better understanding about what our students, parents, and teachers need to support our community. I have had the opportunity to serve as a board trustee for the past 8 years and enjoyed watching our school district grow and adapt to the changing world we live in. As a board we have set goals, guidelines, and adopted policy to provide a learning environment for our students and staff..



DALLAS HERBST

EDUCATION: Idaho State University, Geomatics

EXPERIENCE: Youth sports coach. FFA Alumni member.

STATEMENT: I am Dallas Herbst, a lifelong resident of Firth, as is my wife, Annie. We graduated from Firth High School and have two kids who will soon be Firth graduates, with two more working their way through elementary. As a son of an educator, I have a major interest to serve on the school boards. My kids are another big reason. I feel I’ve had the unique opportunity to learn and witness our school system and have an inters in doing my part, a decision year in the making. But it’s not just my family. I’ve had the opportunity to work with many community members through youth sports, church, 4H, FFA, and various other school and community activities. I want our youth to be involved and feel included. I want to expand their horizons and also support current interests. I support our longtime traditions while recognizing we can still be progressive.

