# BEVERAGE

Continued from Page 1A during her 3-1/2 years on

the board. Barry, chief of the Imbler Rural Fire Department and a liaison officer for the Oregon Department of Transportation, congratulated Beverage on the win.

"I wish her all of the luck in the world," said Barry, who described Beverage as a kind person. Barry said the COVID-19 pandemic made it hard for his campaign to gain momentum. He was not able to speak before groups or go door

to door stumping for

distancing rules and

votes because of social

concerns.

"It limited my ability to connect with people on a personal level," Barry said, and as the challenger he needed to make connections.

"She was running on her record (as a commissioner) and I was running on my resume," Barry said Barry, like Beverage, focused his campaign on

the importance of boosting Union County's economy. He said he is not sure if he will run for public office again but will remain committed to public service. Barry, an emergency medical technician, has been a volunteer firefighter in Union County since 1990 and has headed the Imbler department since 2012.

## TEACHER

year award, which will be announced in the fall.

Cant has taught at Imbler High since the fall of 2002. He grew up in Imbler and graduated there in 1997. He has a bachelor's degree in agriculture education from Oregon State University and a master's degree in science educa-University.

Imbler School District Superintendent Angie Lakey-Campbell saod Cant works hard to develop an excellent understanding of his students.

nect with each student and identify the student's strengths and weaknesses. He is a wonderful mentor. JD finds a way to serve all students in our district," Lakey-Campbell said.

IHS business teacher and Future Business Leaders of America chapter adviser Jennifer Teeter echoed the words of Lakey-Campbell.

"He is a great mentor. He finds ways to connect

Reynold Gardner, agriculture education specialist for the Oregon Department of Education, during the ceremony called Imbler High's agriculture program one of the state's elite programs.

Beverage said during her second term she will continue focusing on programs to keep the county connected to local governments, such as monthly meeting of mayors she attends and helps organize. The county commissioner also said she will strive to continue to keep an open mind and listen to all sides of issues before

making decisions. Beverage also has a list of projects she wants to work on, including getting a truck-to-railroad spur at the industrial park so truck drivers could load items onto rail cars.

Beverage said this would make it easier for local companies to ship items throughout the United States.

#### SHERIFF

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toward success.

"I went into this race with the best interest of Union County in mind,' Miller said. "I couldn't ask for a better campaign team and all of the support from friends, family and concerned citizens. I thank you all.'

Shane Rollins of Cove ended up in a distance fourth place, with 781 votes or 7.6%.

Rollins gathered with his family to watch as election results came in Tuesday evening. Early on, he realized his chance of becoming Union County's newest sheriff was at an end.

"It was a tough race. There were a lot of really good candidates," Rollins said.

Bowen said he wishes Rasmussen and Miller good luck. He said he felt the race has been strong and exciting, and though he is



Staff Photo by Sabrina Thompson

Shane Rollins and his mother and sister watch in anticipation Tuesday night in Cove as the primary election results come in. Rollins ended up in last place but urged whoever does win in November to listen to county residents.

no politician, Bowen said he is looking forward to finishing what he started and is ready to be the next Union County sheriff. Rollins said he hopes

whoever wins will listen to the people of Union County. They have something to say and should be heard," he said, "and the changes they want should be made."

# MASCOTS

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Health Center, Main Street Motors, and Wallowa County Grain Growers.

'They all said yes, and they were all enthusiastic," Webb said.

Only then did it occur to Webb that he had zero idea how to make a cowboy hat out of glass.

"Jake (Kurtz) and I talked about it for awhile, and we came up with some ideas," Webb said. "Most of the good ones were Jake's."

Kurtz is a glass artist who also works at Moonshine Glass and was instrumental getting Webb started in glasswork.

The complicated pro-



Photos by Ellen Morris Bishop/EO Media Group An Enterprise High School Outlaw hat begins to take shape from a nearly molten glob of glass that Stirling Webb shapes.

Stirling Webb holds one of

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tion from Eastern Oregon

"JD takes time to conhis innovative teaching strategies and is frequently utilized at the state and national level to facilitate educational workshops,' Gardner said.

ence teacher was one of 54 educators from the InterMountain region nominated for an award by students, parents, educators and community members. After being nominated, each

with kids," Teeter said.

forms. Cant learned he had been nominated in February and began completing forms before the COVID-19 pandemic led to the closure of all schools in Oregon. Cant said in the hectic time that followed, when



Staff photo by Dick Mason

JD Cant, second from left, stands with his family as two of his children hold a sign honoring him as the Oregon Department of Education's teacher of the year for the InterMountain region.

"JD is recognized for

The agriculture sci-

of the 54 had to com-

plete and submit award

teachers had to begin distance education, he forgot about the nomination and remembered it just in time to finish the paperwork before the deadline.

Following Tuesday's ceremony Cant left the high school for Imbler's agricultural sciences building to teach a horticulture class online.

"I better see if I can live up to this award," Cant said with a smile.

While walking outside, about 10 students congratulated Cant. Several carried signs expressing their enthusiastic support. One from sophomore Kendra Counsell, an FFA officer, stated: "We Cant Be More Proud of You Mr. Cant"



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cess of making a cowboy hat involved several gatherings of molten glass from a 2,000-degree furnace, rolling the hot glass in pigments to provide the colors and patterns, blowing the glass to create the opening in the hat's crown, spinning the hat "like pizza dough," Webb said, in another slightly cooler glory hole furnace to make the brim, adding a colored hatband, and finally, shaping the brim as the glass began to cool.

All together, each hat took more than 15 minutes from start to finish — a process that allowed for no pauses or corrections.

Each hat is unique. Some are broad-brimmed, some a more narrow "cattleman" style. There are hats in the colors of University of Oregon and Oregon State University, and in blues, reds and more. Most are traditional cowboy style rather than vaquero/buckaroo.

"That's pretty much what the Outlaws seemed to wear," Webb said. "And that's what the Outlaw logo shows."

He made 90 glass outlaw hats in all, for the Outlaw seniors and faculty members.

The Cougar paws were a bit easier to concoct. Again, Webb and Kurtz had to develop the multi-stage process from scratch. They first created a flat paw pad, then built the paw on top. Webb used metal frames to shape each toe and each pad. He's making a total of 50 - 10for the seniors, and the rest for staff and faculty.

The Joseph Eagle feathers will be a bit more delicate and involve more attention to elongating, shaping and providing details in each feather. Like the Outlaw hats and Cougar paws, there will be multiple



colors and patterns, shapes and sizes, and each feather will be a unique. Because Joseph's graduation is not until June 2, Webb will make the Eagle feathers last: 13 for the seniors and 37 for the staff and faculty.

For Webb and Kurtz, it's been a labor of love and an

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his hand-crafted Outlaw cowboy hats. Each one is unique and will go to a graduate or staff member of Enterprise High School at graduation Saturday.

example of a community supporting its schools and youths.

"I really wanted students to realize they were special, to feel good about graduation this year, and to know that every cloud has a silver lining," Webb said. "It's a great thing to be part of."

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