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Former EOU student runs for governor

Tim McCloud, who has experienced homelessness, throws his hat in the ring

By ALEX WITTWER
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LA GRANDE — One of the last Oregon Republican gubernatorial candidates has filed his paperwork for the soon-to-be open seat, and in doing so became the first Black GOP candidate in the state's history to run for governor.

Tim McCloud, who grew up in Tucson, Arizona, and now lives in Linn County, is a former Eastern Oregon University student who works for an aerospace and defense manufacturer as a business analyst. While he was studying at EOU, he was homeless and supporting his family, which includes his wife and three daughters — an experience he said gave him a unique perspective into Oregon's approach to addressing homelessness.



McCloud

"I've listened to people offer solutions to homelessness that wouldn't have worked for my situation during a time when I was running a small business, going to school online at Eastern Oregon University for public administration, and raising three children from a campground in Sunriver," he said. "Those solutions wouldn't have worked for me."

While challenging, McCloud said his experience supporting his family while homeless made him stronger and cemented the his relationship with his wife. He said one of the factors that led him to homelessness was the lack of affordable housing in Oregon.

Sunriver, in Deschutes County, has experienced an unprecedented increase in housing demand, which has sent prices skyrocketing. The median home value

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Pete Candlish, a hobby miner from La Grande, and his service dog, Woodrow, appear in an episode of "Gold Rush: Freddy Dodge's Mine Rescue" airing on the Discovery Channel and subscription streaming services.

'Dial F for Freddy'

La Grande man, Baker County mine featured on Discovery reality show

By DICK MASON • The Observer

LA GRANDE — A popular Discovery reality show is bringing a La Grande man to the small screen.

Pete Candlish appears in an episode of "Gold Rush: Freddy Dodge's Mine Rescue" now airing on the Discovery Channel.

The reality program, which according to Dodge's Facebook page has an audience of at least 1 million viewers a week, features mining experts Dodge and Juan Ibarra who visit mines throughout the United States to show those operating them how to do so more effectively.

Dodge and Ibarra will be shown at the Sanger Mine in Baker County working with miners including Pete Candlish, who is helping operate the mine for its owners who live in Western Oregon, during the one-hour episode.

Candlish is a hobby miner

who owns stakes near the Sanger Mine and has been a fan of "Gold Rush: Freddy Dodge's Mine Rescue" since the series began. He said he "was shocked" when the owners of Sanger Mine called him up and offered him a chance to appear on the TV program.

"I couldn't believe it. I was totally surprised," said Candlish, who quickly took the owners up on their offer.

His wife, Stacey, and daughter, Adalynn, 7, were not at the mine when the program was filmed, but a photo of them is shown during the episode, titled "Dial F for Freddy."

The show was recorded

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Pete Candlish, left, of La Grande, poses with his wife, Stacey, and daughter, Adalynn, 7. He is part of a Discovery Channel program filmed at Sanger Mine in Baker County.

Poll: Oregon school boards have low public support



Alex Wittwer/EO Media Group, File
La Grande School District Superintendent George Mendoza delivers opening remarks at a school board meeting held on Wednesday, Aug. 4, 2021.

By COURTNEY VAUGHN
Oregon Capital Bureau

SALEM — Oregonians broadly support funding educational programs, yet recent statewide survey respondents generally lacked support for their local school boards.

Only 36% of those polled said they feel their school board represents their values and beliefs. Another 38% said they don't feel represented by their local school board and 26% said they

were unsure.

Oregon Values & Beliefs Center's latest survey, which polled 1,563 Oregon residents ages 18 and older, found that Democrats are more likely than Republicans to voice support for the school board in their area. Respondents who are higher income — earning \$100,000 or more annually — and those who are higher educated are more likely to feel represented by their school boards than those with less income and education.

The 26% of respondents who said they were "unsure" about their local school board indicated a lack of familiarity with the work and decisions of elected education officials, but that isn't the case everywhere.

Last year saw a public rift between school leadership and residents in Newberg, where a school board voted to ban staff from displaying political or controversial flags, apparel and images,

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