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# Keeping voters' data safe

## State takes measures to guard against hackers

By **CLAIRE WITYCOMBE**  
*Capital Bureau*

SALEM — Oregon's secretary of state says her agency has taken appropriate precautions to minimize the risk that personal information submitted by the state's voters could be hacked.

In the wake of recent security breaches in Arizona and Illinois, state elections authorities received an alert from the FBI by way of the federal Elections Assistance Commission.

The FBI's alert recommended states check whether certain IP addresses had attempted to access protected information maintained by state elections agencies.

The recommendation was incorporated into the Secretary of State Office's ongoing security measures to protect the state's centralized voter registration database, Secretary of State Jeanne Atkins said Tuesday.

In Oregon, voter registration information is considered public record. Although there are exemptions to releasing certain details submitted by voters to the state, the public already has a right to access the dates of birth, home addresses, party affiliation and voting histories for most of the state's registered voters, according to Atkins.

If you are a corrections or police officer, or if public access to your voter registration information otherwise poses a risk to your safety, a county clerk or the Department of Justice can seal that information, Atkins said.

Although voters can access their own registration information online, members of the public seeking voter registration information must go to a county clerk's office to view registration information or file a public records request with the particular county or the state.

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"At this point we feel that we are pretty secure."

— **Jeanne Atkins**,  
Secretary of State

## 2016 UMATILLA COUNTY SHERIFF'S CAMPAIGN



LEFT: Sheriff Terry Rowan waves as he walks down the street during the Umatilla County Fair Kick-Off Parade on Aug. 6.



RIGHT: Umatilla County Sheriff candidate Ryan Lehnert waves to the crowds from the back of a campaign float during the Fourth of July parade on July 4 in Pendleton.

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# Contributors fuel sheriff's race

## Both candidates donate to their own campaigns

By **PHIL WRIGHT**  
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Umatilla County Sheriff Terry Rowan of Hermiston has kept his re-election campaign spending local. And challenger Ryan Lehnert of Pendleton received backing from someone with close ties to both men.

Rowan reported cash contributions of \$4,400 so far in his bid for a second term, while Lehnert reported \$4,945, according to ORESTAR, Oregon Elections System for Tracking and Reporting, the secretary of state's website of campaign finance activity. Lehnert also loaned his campaign

\$500, and Rowan gave \$1,638 in-kind to his effort, common moves in smaller political races. Lehnert reported \$825 in miscellaneous small contributions of \$100 or less, and Rowan \$200. The real meat of their campaigns is from bigger givers.

Jim Humphrey of Pendleton, former detective with Oregon State Police whose brother ran for sheriff in 2012, wrote Lehnert's campaign a \$1,000 check. And Carol Trumbo of Pendleton did the same.

She is the wife of John Trumbo, the former Umatilla County sheriff. Rowan served as undersheriff when Trumbo was in office, and Lehnert has known the Trumbos since he started his law enforcement career as a deputy in the 1990s. Carol Trumbo did not return

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### Lehnert's top contributors

Jim Humphrey, Pendleton.....	\$1,000
Carol Trumbo, Pendleton.....	\$1,000
North Country Growers Inc., Helix .....	\$500
South County Construction Inc., Pendleton .....	\$400
Premium Wash Inc., Pendleton .....	\$400
Wenaha Group Inc., Pendleton.....	\$300
J.L. Williams, Helix.....	\$250

### Rowan's top contributors

Amstad Farming Co., Hermiston .....	\$1,000
Paul Burns, Hermiston .....	\$500
Robert Levy, Hermiston .....	\$500
Art Prior, Echo .....	\$500
Undersheriff Jim Littlefield, Hermiston.....	\$500
Hermiston Aviation, Credits Inc., Hermiston .....	\$250
Preferred Property Management, Hermiston .....	\$250
Preferred Realty, Inc., Hermiston .....	\$250

## HERMISTON

# Five candidates will vie for four city council seats

By **JADE MCDOWELL**  
*East Oregonian*

Hermiston has a legitimate city council race on its hands after five people filed for four at-large positions.

For the council's zoned positions, candidates run for a specific seat. But for the four at-large seats — the ones up for election in November — candidates merely turn in the paperwork to get on the ballot and the top four vote-getters are elected.

New candidate Mark Gomolski has filed for a seat in addition to incumbents Manuel Gutierrez, Rod Hardin, John Kirwan and Doug Primmer.

Gutierrez returned to the city council in 2012 after a past term and also serves on the city's Hispanic Advisory Committee. He works for Domestic Violence Services.

Hardin has served as a city councilor since 1992 and is the council's longest-serving member. He has lived in Hermiston since 1980 and is the principal of Hermiston Christian School.

Kirwan is also in his first term of office. He is a systems engineer for Union Pacific Railroad.

Primmer is finishing his first four-year term as a city councilor. He is a Hermiston

native and works for the Department of Corrections.

Gomolski moved to Hermiston from Chicago in 2015 and has been a frequent audience member at Hermiston city council meetings. He was campaign manager for Umatilla County Commissioner Bill Elfering's re-election bid earlier this year.

All five candidates will be on the Nov. 8 ballot and the four winners will start their four-year term in January.

In May, Mayor David Drotzmann and Municipal Judge Thomas Creasing both ran for re-election unopposed, which secured their seats without having to appear again on the November ballot.

In November, Hermiston residents will also be voting on a city-sponsored initiative to determine whether the city will allow marijuana dispensaries to operate within in its city limits.

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## HERMISTON

# Council pleased with Smith's performance

## Two years into job, city manager excelling

By **JADE MCDOWELL**  
*East Oregonian*

Byron Smith's yearly review shows the Hermiston City Council is very pleased with their city manager of two years.

The review was given in executive session during an Aug. 22 city council meeting, but the city handed over a written copy of his scores and councilor comments to the *East Oregonian* upon request.

Councilors were asked to rate Smith on a scale of 1 to 5 — with 1 being "exceptional" and 5 being "below expectations" — in seven categories. Smith scored in the exceptional range for personal conduct and inter-governmental/agency relationships and scored in the exceeds expectations range (the next best score) for council relations, organization, community relations, fiscal performance and communication.

Names of individual councilors were



Smith

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## PENDLETON

# Council thinks Corbett meets expectations

## Some criticize city manager over communication skills

By **ANTONIO SIERRA**  
*East Oregonian*

Following a ruling from the Umatilla County district attorney, Pendleton City Council's thoughts on City Manager Robb Corbett's job performance over the past two years are now public.

District Attorney Dan Primus allowed the city to redact the names associated with the council's comments on Corbett's 2016 evaluation, but the city also sent the *East Oregonian* unedited versions of his 2015 evaluation and a supplementary comment sheet.

Corbett's 2016 performance evaluation reveals that he largely met the council's expectations, although some councilors criticized Corbett over his communication and staff management skills.

Corbett was evaluated in 17 different categories, where 66 percent of the council's impressions were rated "meets



Corbett

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