

# Former Chrysler executive talks about race against Walden

East Oregonian

The origins behind Tim White's campaign for Oregon's second congressional district are similar to other Democratic candidates running for the U.S. House of Representatives in 2018: the election of President Donald Trump.

A retired Chrysler executive who lives in Bend, White said incumbent Rep. Greg Walden, R-Hood River, was too close to Trump and wasn't delivering results to the people

of a district that spans nearly 70,000 square miles across two-thirds of the state.

"I think someone needs to stand up and say, 'The king has no clothes on,'" he said in a Wednesday interview.

White said the second district has an aging population with a manufacturing sector in decline. The 62-year-old thinks he can use his business



Tim White

experience to help turn the district around.

One of White's ideas is to invest in the district's road infrastructure, advocating for east-west highways that would connect Ashland to Interstate 84 and Ontario to Interstate 5. White said these types of projects and other infrastructure investments would grow the economy by improving transportation to

tourist destinations like the Painted Hills and providing incentives to manufacturing and processing companies to locate in rural Oregon.

White's other positions included increased investment in education, opposition to the Republican tax reform bill and a law that would cap campaign contributions at \$5,000 and require that they only come from registered voters.

If White wins the nomination, Walden will make for a formidable opponent.

Since he was elected to his

seat in 1998, Walden has won re-election campaigns by wide margins in a district that hasn't elected a Democrat since 1981. Despite representing what's been an uncompetitive district, Walden already has more than \$2.8 million in his campaign account.

White said he didn't plan on keeping up with Walden's fundraising but did acknowledge he would have to appeal to Republicans and conservatives in the district to win the seat. White said his message is aimed at everyone, and not

just Democrats.

But before White can get a chance at Walden, he'll have to emerge out of an unusually crowded primary. The field includes Jim Crary, a retired attorney and oil company executive from Ashland and the 2016 Democratic nominee; Jamie McLeod-Skinner, a former Phoenix, Oregon, city manager; Michael Byrne, a Hood River stonemason; and Ross Wordhouse, a Bend businessman.

The Democratic primary is May 15.



Pendleton Convention Center staff Kevin Hernandez uses a cherry picker to hang Christmas lights while preparing for WinterFest on Tuesday in Pendleton. WinterFest, formerly the Festival of Trees, will begin Dec. 1 and continue with family day Dec. 2.

Staff photo by E.J. Harris

## Holiday Bazaars kick off at SAGE Center

### Winter Market

•Friday, Dec. 1; 4-8 p.m.  
•Saturday, Dec. 2; 9 a.m.-4 p.m.

•SAGE Center, 101 Olson Road, Boardman  
[www.visitsage.com](http://www.visitsage.com)

Friday Ladies Night includes refreshments and door prizes. The Saturday family day includes museum tours, and people are invited to stay for the evening light show from 5-10 p.m.

### Retired Teachers (OREA)

•Saturday, Dec. 2; 9 a.m.-1:30 p.m.

•Roosters Restaurant, 1515 Southgate, Pendleton

### Holiday Bazaar

•Saturday, Dec. 2; 9 a.m.-3 p.m.

•The Arc, 215 W. Orchard Ave., Hermiston

### Athena Holiday Bazaar

•Saturday, Dec. 2; 9 a.m.-3 p.m.

•Athena Elementary School, 375 S. Fifth St.

### Artifactory Holiday Bazaar

•Saturday, Dec. 2; 9:30 a.m.-

2:30 p.m.

•St. Patrick's Parish Hall, 525 Gale St., Heppner

### Relay for Life Holiday Bazaar

•Saturday, Dec. 2; 10 a.m.-4 p.m.

•Pendleton Early Learning Center, 455 S.W. 13th St.

### Bells of Peace Holiday Baked Goods & Craft Bazaar

•Saturday, Dec. 2; 10 a.m.-2 p.m.

•Peace Lutheran Church, 210 N.W. Ninth St., Pendleton

### Winterphest Bazaar & Light Parade

•Saturday, Dec. 2; 10 a.m.-2 p.m.

•Pilot Rock Community Center

The Light Parade is at 5 p.m., followed by a chili feed (\$) and float awards.

### Tate's Christmas Frenzy

•Sunday, Dec. 3; 10 a.m.-3 p.m.

•Umapine Mercantile, 51604 Highway 332, Milton-Freewater

### St. Mary's Bazaar

•Saturday, Dec. 9; 9 a.m.-2 p.m.

•St. Mary's Parish Hall, 800 S.E. Court Ave., Pendleton

\$1/Includes raffle ticket. For vendor space, call 541-276-2751.

### Echo PTO Holiday Bazaar

•Saturday, Dec. 9; 9 a.m.-1 p.m.

•Echo School, 600 Gerone St.

### Hermiston Farmers Christmas Market

•Saturday, Dec. 16; 2-6 p.m.; Sunday, Dec. 17; 8 a.m.-4 p.m.

•Hermiston Conference Center, 415 S. Highway 395

Includes festivities, crafts, food.

Admission is free unless otherwise noted. Submit bazaar information to: [community@eastoregonian.com](mailto:community@eastoregonian.com) or drop off to the attention of Tammy Malgesini at 333 E. Main St., Hermiston, or Renee Struthers at 211 S.E. Byers Ave., Pendleton. The full calendar is viewable at [www.eastoregonian.com](http://www.eastoregonian.com)

## BRIEFLY

### Ione man's attorney withdraws from rape defense

HEPPNER — Corey Scott Baker of Ione no longer has a lawyer in the rape and sex abuse case against him.

The state alleged Baker, 40, raped and molested a girl younger than 12 in 2016. He has pleaded not guilty to first-degree rape and sexual abuse.

Attorney Nicolas Patterson of Pendleton filed a motion Nov. 22 seeking to withdraw as Baker's lawyer.

"Attorney client relations have broken down to the point that I cannot fulfill my obligations to client, and client cannot fulfill his obligations to me," according to the request Patterson wrote to the court.

Patterson also stated Oregon Bar Association's rules for confidentiality and ethics prohibited him from providing in writing the reasons for the breakdown.

"The Court could order me to discuss this matter," Patterson's request continued, "or the matter could be discussed off the record in chambers, if the Court believes that would be helpful."

Circuit Judge Eva Temple heard the motion Wednesday and granted

Patterson's withdrawal. Morrow County Circuit Court records show the court set a new pre-trial conference in the case for Jan. 11.

Baker also pleaded not guilty Wednesday to a new charge of first-degree failure to appear. The state alleged Baker did not come to a Nov. 19 hearing in the sex crimes case.

### Gifford Urgent Care adds physician

HERMISTON — A new physician is helping expand access to medical services at Gifford Urgent Care.

Matthew P. Carlson, D.O. has joined the Gifford team after previously working as a family physician at the clinic at Touro University in Henderson, Nevada and as an associate professor in the department of primary care.

Before becoming a physician, Carlson first pursued a bachelor's degree in English while moonlighting as an EMT and later a full-time paramedic, until deciding to pursue a degree in osteopathic medicine from Touro University.

Carlson will serve patients with urgent but not emergency-room-level injuries — including fractures, sprains, burns and

cuts — at Gifford Urgent Care, located at 1050 W. Elm Ave, Suite 110, in Hermiston. Urgent Care hours are Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 6 p.m., and Saturday, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. For more information call 541-567-2995.

### Local libraries offer fine forgiveness

The Umatilla and Stanfield libraries each have programs offering forgiveness of library fines this holiday season.

•Canned Food for Fines at the Umatilla Public Library, 700 Sixth St. For each food item donated, 50 cents will be taken off fines (up to \$10). No dented or outdated cans. Donations will be picked up Dec. 8-9 for the Umatilla Fire Department's Christmas Basket program. For more information, call 541-922-5704.

•Holiday Library Fine Forgiveness at the Stanfield Public Library, 180 W. Coe Ave. From Dec. 1-15, patrons can bring in their library card and make a donation of bath tissue or non-perishable food items to have late charges forgiven. Donations will be given to the Stanfield Food Bank for distribution. For more information, call 541-449-1254.

## Relay for Life of Umatilla County

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