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Oregon governor

Republican
Knute Buehler..... 48%
Sam Carpenter... 29.3%
Greg Wooldridge . 17.3%

Democrat
Kate Brown 81%
Ed Jones..... 9.1%
Candace Neville.... 7.6%

U.S. House, Dist. 2

Republican
Greg Walden..... 77.8%
Paul J. Romero...15.8%
Randy Pollock 6.1%

Democrat
Jamie McLeod-Skinner
..... 41%
Jenni Neahring 24%
James Crary 11.8%

BOLI commissioner

Val Hoyle 51.8%
Lou Ogden 35.1%
Jack Howard 12.7%

Unofficial results as of Tuesday at 11 p.m.
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UMATILLA COUNTY COMMISSIONER

Shafer unseats Givens

Staff photo by E.J. Harris

ABOVE: Umatilla County commissioner candidate John Shafer reacts to preliminary results showing him ahead of incumbent Larry Givens during an election night party Tuesday in Pendleton. RIGHT: Umatilla County Commissioner George Murdock talks with Glenn and Joyce Rohde during an election night party Tuesday in Pendleton.

Umatilla County, Pos. 1
George Murdock.....45.8%
Rick Pullen.....30.3%
Tom Bailor.....23.7%

Umatilla County, Pos. 2
John Shafer.....52.6%
Larry Givens.....47%

Murdock, Pullen to square off again in November

By PHIL WRIGHT
East Oregonian

John Shafer is moving on up.

The Athena mayor and sheriff's dispatch supervisor unseated incumbent Larry Givens to win the position 2 seat on the Umatilla County Board of Commissioners. Unofficial county results show Shafer won 52.6 percent to 47 percent.

Rick Pullen

Shafer, several members of his family and close supporters gathered for election night in the meeting room at the Pendleton Oxford Suites. Chatter and the clatter of dinnerware died down while Shafer and the crowd awaited the election results on the county's website. About a quarter past 8 p.m., the cheers erupted.

Shafer thanked his family for their support and hard work on the campaign trail, and he thanked husband and wife Charles and Suni Danforth of Milton-Freewater, who were Shafer's primary campaign backers. Beating an incumbent with years of experience is not easy, he

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OSU EXTENSION SERVICE DISTRICT

Voters reject district in both counties

Would have funded ag research, stations and 4-H programs

By JAYATI RAMAKRISHNAN
East Oregonian

The voters have spoken: there will be no OSU Extension Service District for taxpayers in Umatilla and Morrow counties.

As of 8 p.m., results showed that 53.5 percent of Morrow County voters had rejected the proposed district. About 1,700 votes had been counted, only 31 percent of eligible voters in the county.

About 64.7 percent of Umatilla County voters rejected the district, with a turnout of 10,749 voters, or about a quarter of those eligible to vote in the county.

EO file photo

A team of volunteers processes a shipment of donated potatoes for the Oregon Food Bank at the Hermiston Agricultural Research and Extension Center near Hermiston in October 2015. Voters in Umatilla and Morrow counties rejected an OSU Extension Service District measure that would have funded stations and programs like 4-H.

The measures proposed a property tax increase of 33 cents per $1,000 of assessed value. The tax would have raised about $1.7 million per year in Umatilla County, and $700,000 in Morrow County, and the money was slated toward operations for the Extension Service like staffing and equipment costs, as well as agricultural research and 4-H programs.

Umatilla County
Yes..... 36.3%
No 63.7%

Morrow County
Yes..... 46.4%
No 53.6%

Mary Corp, director of the Columbia Basin Agricultural Research Center and OSU crop and soil science professor, said she was surprised by the results, especially in Umatilla County.

"Of course I'm disappointed it didn't pass," she said. "We talked to a lot of people, and had a lot of positive responses from folks about how Extension has impacted their lives."

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CIRCUIT JUDGE

Collins wins seat on bench

By KATHY ANEY
East Oregonian

Rob Collins and Michael Breiling treated Election Day like any normal day.

Both Pendleton attorneys trekked to their respective law offices Tuesday and attempted to focus on work rather than whether they would win the open Circuit Court judge seat in the 6th Judicial

Collins ...61.1%
Breiling 38.6%

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HERMISTON CITY COUNCIL

M. Gomolski 35.7%
Lori Davis 32.5%

Will have runoff in November

Roy Barron
54.9%

Jackie Myers
56.3%

Doug Smith
62.5%

PENDLETON CITY COUNCIL

Jake Cambier
64.2%

Carole Innes
53.2%

McKennon McDonald
97.6%

Linda Neuman
96.1%

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