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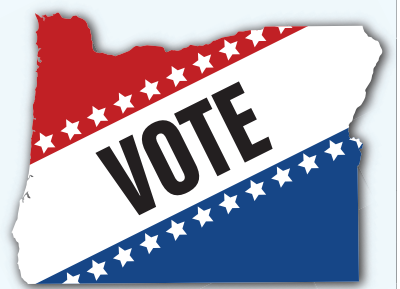


Dawn and Harley Jeffers, left, embrace as their family and neighbors help sandbag their home on Southwest Second Street in Pilot Rock on Wednesday afternoon. Staff photo by Ben Lonergan

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2020 PRIMARY ELECTION RESULTS

VOTER TURNOUT

as of 5 p.m. Wednesday

Statewide 46.03%
Umatilla County 36.65%
Morrow County 47.51%

Up to date election results are at oregonvotes.gov

U.S. 2ND CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

Democrats (Top 3)
 Alex Spenser 32.19%
 Nick Heuertz 30.96%
 Chris Vaughn 18.23%
Republicans (Top 3)
 Cliff Bentz 30.59%
 Knute Buehler 22.4%
 Jason Atkinson 19.67%

SECRETARY OF STATE

Democrats
 Mark Hass 35.96%
 Shemia Fagan 35.55%
 Jamie McLeod-Skinner 27.73%
Republicans
 Kim Thatcher 85.33%
 Dave Stauffer 13.69%

OREGON SENATE DISTRICT 29

Republicans
 Bill Hansell 91.95%
 Garrison Lee Alger 7.95%

OREGON HOUSE DISTRICT 58

Democrats
 Nolan Bylenga 53.13%
 Barbara Wright 45.17%

UMATILLA COUNTY

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Position 3
 Dan Dorrان 37.83%
 HollyJo Beers 27.15%
 Patricia Maier 14.69%
 Jonathan Lopez 11.19%
 Mark Gomolski 8.79%

PENDLETON CITY COUNCIL

Ward 2
 Sally Brandsen 57.71%
 Melissa Shumake 41.53%
Ward 3
 Dale Primmer 68.57%
 Larry Anderson 30.83%

MEASURE 30-137
 City of Pendleton Gas Tax
 Yes 35.42% No 64.58%

MEASURE 30-138
 Pendleton School District
 Yes 47.61% No 52.39%

MEASURE 30-140
 Echo RFPD
 Yes 60.53% No 39.47%

MEASURE 30-141
 Milton-Freewater
 Public Transportation
 Yes 64.98% No 35.02%

MEASURE 30-142
 East Umatilla Fire & Rescue District
 Yes 71.70% No 28.3%

MEASURE 30-143
 East Umatilla Fire & Rescue District
 Yes 75.58% No 24.42%

MORROW COUNTY

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Position 1
 Jim Doherty 41.56%
 Joel Peterson 38.25%
 Joseph Armato 10.26%
 Michael Sweek 9.65%

JUSTICE COURT

Judge
 Glen Diehl 42.2%
 Theresa Crawford 39.68%
 Kelly Doherty 17.84%

Treasurer
 Sabrina Bailey Cave 30.55%
 Jaylene Papineau 24.21%
 Erik Patton 23.65%
 Cody High 20.85%

MEASURE 25-81
 Boardman water and wastewater bond
 Yes 63.08% No 36.92%

Floodwaters invade Pilot Rock

Birch Creek overflows banks spilling into rural Umatilla County community

By **BEN LONERGAN**
East Oregonian

PILOT ROCK — Dawn Jeffers noticed Wednesday that Birch Creek was running a little high. By 2 p.m., the water had begun to enter the basement of her Southwest Second Street

home, and by 3 p.m., water was covering Highway 395 through Pilot Rock.

Jeffers, her husband, Harley, their three children and many neighbors quickly went to work setting sandbags to try and keep their basement dry, but the water proved stronger. As the family

lamented the loss of their newly decorated front yard and added a few last sandbags to their basement entrance, they set to work evacuating their pets and essential items from their home.

“It came up really fast,” said Jeffers. “I wasn’t expecting anything like this. The community has been amazing at helping each other.”

Dozens of neighbors, volunteers, city workers and first

responders descended on Pilot Rock and set to work filling and placing sandbags, checking on families living within the flooded area and helping in any way they could.

Sunny Bernabe, who lives uphill from the flooded area, came running to help fill sandbags, while Chris Bodewig directed machinery and checked

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PENDLETON

Voters welcome new faces to council

Pendleton voters reject tax measures during election

By **ANTONIO SIERRA**
East Oregonian

PENDLETON — Voters elected a couple new faces to Pendleton area government Tuesday, and then promptly rejected its asks for more funding.

Public relations specialist Sally Brandsen became one of those new faces after she won her election for the open Ward 2 seat over Walla Walla, Washington, land use planner Melissa Shumake.

Both campaigns were quietly run by necessity due to the COVID-19 pandemic, but Brandsen said she thought her positive campaign resonated with

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Brandsen



Shumake

UMATILLA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS



Staff photo by Ben Lonergan

Ballots await sorting at the Umatilla County Elections office ahead of the ballot deadline on Tuesday night.

On to November

Dorrان, Beers emerge from primary for Umatilla County commissioner, will face off in general election

By **ALEX CASTLE**
East Oregonian

UMATILLA COUNTY — Dan Dorrان and HollyJo Beers of Milton-Freewater emerged from a crowded field Tuesday night to advance to the November general election in the 2020 race for Umatilla County commissioner. Dorrان finished first in the



Beers



Dorrان

primary with 34% of the vote and 5,482 total votes received, while Beers came in second with 24% of the vote and 3,935 total

votes received.

The two bested a trio of candidates from Hermiston to advance, with Pat Maier collecting 13% of the vote for third, Jonathan Lopez receiving 10% for fourth, and Mark Gomolski finishing fifth with 8%.

“We’re really happy and humbled with how things went,” Dorrان said of his campaign, noting

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2ND CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

Bentz wins GOP primary for Congress

Former state senator holds off challenge from Knute Buehler

By **GARY A. WARNER**
For the Oregon Capital Bureau

SALEM — Former Sen. Cliff Bentz of Ontario won the Republican nomination for the 2nd Congressional District in Oregon on Tuesday.

Former Rep. Knute Buehler of Bend called Bentz just before 9:30 p.m. to concede the race. Former Sen. Jason Atkinson of Central Point was running third. Jimmy Crumpacker, a recent transplant to

Deschutes County who spent over \$600,000 and was endorsed by anti-abortion and gun rights groups was running fourth. None of the other seven candidates on the republican ballot had more than 10% of the vote.

Alex Spenser of Klamath Falls and Nick Heuertz of Central Point were ahead in the field of five Democrats vying for the seat.

Bentz thanked the voters of the district, who he said looked past the large amounts of advertising by Buehler and Crumpacker to give



Bentz

him the win. “I think people in this congressional district are smart and they study the candidates before they vote,” Bentz said. “Jimmy is a nice guy, but he doesn’t really live in the district. He’s a Portland guy with a ski cabin in Bend. Good on him for trying, but he has to know the district before running for Congress.”

“Knute ran as a moderate two years ago when he was running for governor, then tried to run as a conservative for Congress. People remember. Knute is a good physician, but politically, he just doesn’t fit this district.”

The race drew 11 Republi-

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