Justus

Governor, Democrat

Governor, Republican

Kerry McQuisten, 1,395

Christine Drazen, 395

Marc Thielman, 269

Tobias Read, 382

• Tina Kotek, 352

Bob Tiernan, 454

• Bud Pierce, 212

Stan Pulliam, 199

Bridget Barton, 119

Books

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This opportunity is returning for the 2022-2023 school year, said Jessica Dougherty, coordinator for the BCCLC.

The literacy program serves children in nine schools - prior to the pandemic, an average of 35 adults read with more than 100 children each week to help them improve reading skills.

Volunteer readers dedicate 30 to 60 minutes, once per week, at a local public school — either in small groups or one-on-one.

Anyone interested in volunteering as a reader can contact Dougherty by email at momreading4fun@gmail.com or by calling 808-640-5900.

Book giveaways

In addition to reading with children, the REAL program distributes about 3,000 free books to students every school year.

Schools and programs that receive books are: Baker Early Learning Center, Brooklyn Primary, South Baker Intermediate, Haines Elementary, Keating Elementary, the special education program, Burnt River School, Pine Eagle School, Headstart, YMCA preschool and day care, Building Healthy Families and Baker Relief Nursery.

In addition, Dougherty hands out books during two special drive-thru family nights at BELC.

Support

The BCCLC is a nonprofit organization established in 2002 to promote literacy in Baker County.

It is supported by private foundations, businesses, service clubs, private donors and grants.

Monetary donations can be mailed to the Literacy Program, c/o Baker County Library, 2400 Resort St., Baker City, OR 97814.

Election

such a close race, neither has quite reached that 50% plus one threshold needed to avoid a runoff in November. It's not mathematically im-

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possible that one candidate will get there before County Clerk Stefanie Kirby certifies results in June.

There are two sources of ballots that have yet to be counted.

The first group are ballots that were postmarked by May 17 but didn't arrive at the clerk's office by election day. This is the first Oregon election in which those postmarked ballots will be counted if they're received at the county clerk's office within seven calendar days.

Kirby said May 26 is the earliest she would be able to release updated vote totals in the Justus-Witham race.

The second group, totaling 39 ballots, are those that either lacked a signature or had a signature that didn't match the one the clerk's office had on file.

The county will notify all 39 of those voters, and they have until June 7 to respond and validate their ballots, at which time they would be counted. The bottom line, then, is

that Witham and Justus along with the rest of the county's electorate — might not know until early June whether one of the two will win outright, or whether they will return to the ballot in November.

If the latter happens, the 50% threshold will not be in effect - whichever candidate gets the most votes will be elected to a fourvear term.

Witham said on Wednesday morning that she didn't expect her race against Justus would end up potentially extending into the fall.

and see," she said.

County Commission chairman

more straightforward in the three-way race for position 3, the full-time commission chairman.

more than 50% of the votes, he would have been elected. That almost certainly won't happen, but two candidates – Dan Garrick and Shane Alderson — were well in front of the third candidate, Joe Johnson.

the top two candidates, will advance to the November election.

ing, Garrick had 1,887 votes, or 41.2% of the total votes cast.

Alderson was in second, with 1,439 votes, or 31.4%.

Johnson was in third, with 1,214 votes, or 26.5%.

District

Baker Rural Fire Protection District's five-year tax levy is failing, with 359 no votes and 326 yes votes.





Baker County election results

Garrick

U.S. Senator, Democrat Ron Wyden, 785 • William E. Barlow III, 96 Brent Thompson, 76 U.S. Representative, 2nd **District, Democrat** Joe Yetter, 549

Adam Prine, 207

U.S. Representative, 2nd

District, Republican Cliff Bentz, 2,503

Collin Kaseberg, president of the fire district's board of directors, said the district will have to try again to persuade voters to approve the levy, which would increase property taxes for residents within the district by \$1 per \$1,000 of assessed property value of five years.

The levy would raise an estimated \$182,000 the first year.

Kaseberg said the district, since it was formed in 1983, has relied almost solely on a permanent property tax levy of 67 cents per \$1,000 of assessed value.

He thanked voters who supported the levy, and urged those who didn't to talk to a district board member about the levy.

Mark Cavener, 599 • Katherine M. Gallant, 144 **U.S. Senator, Republican** Darin Harbick, 823

Johnson

- Sam Palmer, 769
- Jo Rae Perkins, 695
- Jason Beebe, 443 Christopher C. Christensen,
- 172

Other races

In the race for the Republican nominee for governor, Baker City Mayor Kerry McQuisten was fifth among 19 candidates, with 22,664 votes. Christine Drazan was in the lead with 60,733 votes, while Bob Tiernan was in second with 47,756, and Stan Pulliam in third with 25,825 votes. Bridget Barton was fourth with $2\overline{4}$,532. McQuisten easily won

her home county, with 1,395 votes, well ahead of Tiernan, with 454 votes. Voter turnout in Baker

County was 41.6%. That compares with 50% in the May 2020 primary, and 45% in May 2018. Statewide voter turnout for this primary was 31.8%.

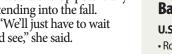


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Baker Rural Fire Protection

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