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At age 9, she bought her first mule for \$15, which she later sold for \$200 at age 11. Then she bought her first filly. "Next thing I knew, I was loading horses, working with troubled horses, mustangs and so on," she said.

On her 6-acre property in Prairie City last year, Moss took in a 20-year-old skittish rescue horse — a "heartbroken mustang who needed a chance" — whose outward scars reflected a difficult life.

She said working with him brought her horse communication to a new level.

"He has shown me try, understanding, frustration and temper tantrums beyond my imagination," she said while working with him. "All the while, he was finding himself. I think most of all he wants to belong."

Moss divides her time between working alongside her husband, Tracy, at their Canyon City business, Russell's Custom Meats, and writing and speaking.

She is known for her award-winning cowboy poetry, which captures Western living, including the hard-working, can-do spirit from the saddle.

Her respect for the cowboy lifestyle and an awareness of horse communication is shared not only in her poetry but also in her novels.

She almost chose not to publish her first book, "Unspoken," but with encouragement from friends, she decided to go



At a previous event, horse trainer Joe Wolter works with Kathy Moss of Prairie City.

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ahead. It was released in 2015, the first in a trilogy.

"If this helps one person understand horses a little bit better, or understand our Western living a little bit better," she said, "then it needs to go to print."

A year after the first novel was released, Moss received

a call from a girl who said she had been thinking of suicide but reconsidered after spending the night reading the entire book.

"Whatever she got out of the book, I don't know, but it's about pulling through and getting through things that are really tough to do," Moss said.

The first book was followed

by "Finding Home," and then her editor suggested she write about the therapeutic effects horses have on people with autism.

Her final book in the series, "From the Heart," was released last month, and she has spoken about it in Queens, New York, at therapy centers associated

with the Professional Association of Therapeutic Horsemanship International.

The book is about a young girl with autism and an injured draft horse who develop a relationship of trust.

While Moss has calmed and won the hearts of many horses over the years, she's found in

her interactions with the animals that they also have much to give.

"I had always thought horses had a sense about them that was healing," she said. "There is something in the brain that is therapeutic when the body feels the motion of a horse."

DEBATE

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Since winning the Democratic nomination in May, McLeod-Skinner said in an interview Monday that she and Walden have received numerous invitations from various organizations willing to sponsor a debate. Nichole van Eikeren, McLeod-Skinner's campaign manager, said some of those

organizations include Central Oregon Community College, the American Association of University Women and the Grants Pass Daily Courier.

McLeod-Skinner said her campaign accepted these invitations, but they didn't receive word about Walden agreeing to the debate.

With both candidates in Joseph for the parade, McLeod-Skinner said "it seemed like a good time to

invite him face-to-face."

McLeod-Skinner said she would like to debate Walden in all 20 counties of District 2 to give as many voters a chance to see the candidates as possible.

Regardless of the number of debates, McLeod-Skinner said she would like to see them formatted as either a moderated debate with a neutral moderator or a town hall-style debate where members of the audience can

ask questions.

If the two parties can secure a debate in Eastern Oregon, McLeod-Skinner suggested Eastern Oregon University as an ideal sponsor.

McLeod-Skinner said she expects Walden to honor his word and schedule some debates, noting that the U.S. House of Representatives was currently in recess and he was making time for a fundraiser in Wilsonville Monday night, which The Oregonian reported to include Speaker of the House Paul Ryan.

Neither Walden's campaign or legislative office returned requests for comment.

Governor's race

While Eastern Oregon could play a role in the District 2 debate schedule, it doesn't appear a likely setting for the race between Gov. Kate Brown and her Republican challenger, state

Rep. Knute Buehler of Bend.

Christian Gaston, Brown's campaign spokesman, wrote in an email that the three hosts will be Children First, and television stations KOB1 and KGW.

Although the final details are still being determined, KGW and Children First are in Portland while KOB1 is in Medford.

"I think it's important to note that television debates are closed events and are not open to the public, so the physical location doesn't matter as much as the statewide reach of the event online and on broadcast," he wrote. "We will work with all three hosts to make sure that they are open to rebroadcast with partners statewide and that the event is available online for everyone in the state to watch."

Monica Wroblewski, Buehler's campaign communications director, said the

campaign continues to request a 10-debate schedule, two debates for each congressional district.

If Brown were to agree to such a schedule, Wroblewski said a location in Eastern Oregon would be included.

Both Brown and Buehler's campaigns have confirmed that they'll be making future appearances in Eastern Oregon as a part of the campaign trail, but it likely won't be in a debate setting.

The Westward Ho! Parade during the Pendleton Round-Up is a standard stop for office holders and political challengers alike, and both gubernatorial candidates plan to participate.

McLeod-Skinner also plans to attend, and although Walden's campaign didn't return a request for comment, the congressman has been a regular presence at the non-motorized parade.

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 Thursday & Friday 3:00
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Nominating Petitions shall contain at least twenty-five signatures of qualified electors residing in the city that are registered to vote.

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