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Getting to know your candidates

Ballots go out this week for the Nov. 6 general election. Among the decisions voters will have to make are contested races for Heppner mayor and one Heppner city council position. To help with the decision process, the Heppner G-T asked the candidates in these contested races to tell us a little more about themselves. Here are their answers:

Cody High, Candidate for Heppner City Mayor



Cody High

Age: 33

What education and/or degrees do you have? Heppner High School diploma

What, if any, prior government experience do you have? Heppner City Council, Heppner Planning Commission, current Morrow County Fair Board, current Heppner Mayor.

Do you have family here? Spouse? Children? Yes, I have an amazing wife, two beautiful daughters and a new baby on the way.

Why are you running for city council/mayor?

I am running for mayor because I truly believe that each one of us needs to give back to our community. I want to help make our community a place where your children and mine can continue to live and thrive after high school is over. I want to continue to be your voice on city council. I want to continue to make sure you are heard, the council's decisions are discussed and explained and that decisions are made with our economic health and future in mind. It has been an honor representing

James Kindle, Candidate for Heppner City Mayor



James Kindle

Age: 44

What education and/or degrees do you have? High School Diploma, Heppner High School, 2 years Blue Mountain Community College.

What, if any, prior government experience do you have? I have no prior government experience but excited for the opportunity.

Do you have family here? Spouse? Children? My parents Mike and LaRae Kindle, my brother and mother-in-law. Spouse: Becky Kindle, Chief Banking Officer for Bank of Eastern Oregon. Children: I have two children, both graduates of Heppner High School. My daughter Kayla Kindle is a student at OSU and is currently student teaching 3rd grade in Corvallis. My son CJ Kindle is studying business at Eastern Oregon University and plays football for the EOU Mountaineers.

Why are you running for mayor? I am extremely excited to run for the position of mayor for the City of Heppner. I have lived in Heppner my entire life and raised my family here. I have seen a lot of positive things come from Heppner

David Gunderson, Candidate for Heppner City Council



David Gunderson

Age: 64

What education and/or degrees do you have? I am a graduate of Oregon State University with BS in Elementary Education. K-12, Heppner Schools

What, if any, prior government experience do you have? I have no prior experience serving for any government entity. I have served on non-governmental boards.

Do you have family here? Spouse? Children? My wife Tricia and I have raised our two sons in Heppner. Brent, his wife Kimmie and daughter Whitley live in LaGrande. Our son Derek lives here in Heppner with his wife Meghan.

Why are you running for city council? I have lived here for 60 plus years, Heppner is my home and will continue to be in our retirement. I want Heppner to continue to be a safe, livable and growing community.

What do you feel is the biggest challenge facing Heppner? There are many challenges facing Heppner as it is with many rural

Good Samaritan Outlet opens in Heppner

By Bobbi Gordon

John and Shawna Osburn, formerly of Portland, recently opened their outlet store at 148 W Willow Street in Heppner. John says, "We call it a new and used stuff store." The current space is only 224 square feet, so they plan to move into the other available 687 square foot space in the building by the first of the year. They are thinking the smaller space may end up being used for the online portion of the business or possibly a consignment store.

Donations are always



John and Shawna Osburn stand in front of their new store. -Photo by Bobbi Gordon

appreciated at the store. Shawna told the G-T, "If it is something we can't use in the store, we pass it on to others in need. We donate to the homeless, those in drug treatment and have recently started a prison outreach program." Inmates in prison, who are soon to be released, are able to write them a letter with sizes and requests for items they may need when they get out. The Osburns then box the things up and send them care packages.

John said he was born in Heppner in 1981, but never lived here a day in his life. His parents were passing through and Heppner was the nearest facility. The Osburns have been together for almost eight years, but got married Aug. 20. They can be reached by calling 541-410-5890 or by emailing goodsamaritanoutlet@gmail.com.

years, with the hope to eventually be able to open their own store. The space on Willow Street was not used, was full of garbage and needed lots of work. They were finally able to open the store on Aug. 13. "We intend to open another store in the Portland area and expect the business to eventually be a multi-million dollar business. We plan to compete with Goodwill and bypass them," stated John.

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School supply drive successful



Ted Voigt, Auna King and Riley Wright were all smiles as they displayed the donated school supplies.

A successful school supply drive to benefit Heppner Elementary School recently took place. The Bank of Eastern Oregon was responsible for collecting, organizing and donating to the drive.

According to a spokesperson, the smiles on the faces of the children are priceless as they pick the materials they need. She stated, "Students who were unable to locate specialty items were delighted to find them right at the school. Having the appropriate materials gives the students an extra measure of confidence." Teachers are also grateful that each student has the accessories necessary for new technology.

Many community members bought crayons, paper, pencils and other needed supplies as well as multiple financial donations. The spokesperson stated it made her think of two old sayings, "It takes a village to raise a child," and "Many hands make light work."

Students were ready for the first day of school with the donated supplies and will continue to use the supplies for the remainder of the school year. Students and staff are very appreciative of everything the community does to support education and the school supply drive.

Ione School celebrates homecoming week



Ione High School Homecoming Court (L-R): Cecelia McElligott, Colt Parker, MaLinda Morter, DJ Comstock, Makenzie Heideman, Mauricio Martinez, Marie Chretien, Aiden Baresse, King Nestor Ramirez, Queen Madison Gibbs, Laura Ayala, Josh Gray and crown bearers Joshua Nieffer and Piper Miller. -Photo by Melissa Stradley, Pilar Portrait Studio.

Ione High School celebrated homecoming last week with daily activities, the homecoming game Thursday, Oct. 11, versus Arlington/Condon and crowning of the king and queen.

Monday, Oct. 8, was Greek Day with students

dressing like a fraternity boy, sorority girl or wearing a toga; Tuesday was Dig Pink Day, raising breast cancer awareness; Wednesday was Meme/Vine/Character Day with middle and high school students dressing up as their favorite meme or vine

and elementary students dressing up as their favorite book, movie or TV character; and Thursday was Cardinal Pride Day.

Prizes were awarded each day to the best dressed elementary, middle and high school students.

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