

Ferry County Official Local

# Voters' Pamphlet

**November 7, 2023 General Election  
Kettle Falls Supplement**

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**The races for Kettle Falls School District directors were inadvertently omitted from this year's main voters pamphlet, so we have prepared this supplement to give Ferry County voters the opportunity to hear from those candidates. Please see the main pamphlet for complete voting instructions and statements from candidates for other offices, and please contact the Ferry County Auditor at (509) 775-5225 ext. 1139 if you have any questions.**

## School Director #1 • Kettle Falls School District No. 212 • 4-year term

No photo  
submitted

**Norman Gaston**

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**Unopposed**

### **Elected Experience**

I was appointed to the Kettle Falls School Board in May of 2022 to fulfill a vacancy. I have enjoyed my time and the Board and have decided to continue on.

### **Other Professional Experience**

I was a school teacher for 31 years at all levels.

### **Education**

BA in Education  
MA in Vocational Administration

### **Community Service**

Kettle Falls Bulldogs Booster Club President  
Friends of the Kettle Falls Pool and Parks committee  
Secretary/Treasurer

### **Statement**

I believe that education is an intricate part of all children. I was a part of that world for 31 years and believe I can bring valuable knowledge to the Kettle Falls School District. My knowledge and experience will help keep and improve the great educational system that is already established in Kettle Falls.

## School Director #3 • Kettle Falls School District No. 212 • 4-year term

No photo  
submitted

**Kat Snider**

**Unopposed**

**No statement submitted**



## School Director At-Large #4 • Kettle Falls School District #212 • 4-year term



**Thomas (Chip)  
Johnson**

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### **Elected Experience**

Kettle Falls School School Board since 2017

### **Other Professional Experience**

Kettle Falls Family Dentistry (Owner/Dentist). Lake Roosevelt Community Health Center, Inchelium and Keller, WA (Dental Director). Chipped & Broken Band (Lead Singer/Guitar)

### **Education**

University of Pittsburgh (DMD, Doctor of Dental Medicine); Arizona State University (B.A., Spanish); Continuing Education in Dentistry, Leadership, Business Management, Current Clinical Research (100+ hours annually)

### **Community Service**

KF School District Board Member. Donates/manages sound system for Kettle Falls High/Middle school graduations and dances. Band provides live music for local fundraisers. Woodland Theater Actor/Volunteer. Youth Sports Coach. Implemented caries prevention program in Inchelium and Keller Schools. Two year church service mission in Mexico.

### **Statement**

I am privileged to have served on the Kettle Falls School District School Board since 2017. I am thankful to have worked with some pretty incredible humans, that as a board, have made big strides and positive changes within our school district to put the students first and serve their best interests. As our district is presented with issues both big and small, I review each situation with a clean slate. I listen to all input provided and put thought into making difficult decisions, putting the students first, without an agenda of my own. The students of Kettle Falls School District, their families, teachers, staff and our community have shown an incredible ability to come together and provide support for one another. It has been amazing to witness. I am motivated to contribute my efforts towards a continued growth mindset for our students, district staff and community members, by way of serving on the Kettle Falls Schools Board. My two children attending and the two that have graduated from Kettle Falls Schools are proud to be Bulldogs.



**Kathleen Stone**

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### **Elected Experience**

Elected and served on the school board in Parks Arizona.

### **Other Professional Experience**

I have been employed as a Registered Nurse for the past 20 years. This job encompasses patient advocacy and acting as a liaison between doctors, patients, and families.

### **Education**

Bachelor's degree in Biology  
Associate's degree in Nursing  
Associate's degree in Exotic Animal Training and Management

### **Community Service**

Active member in a local church and it's outreach activities.

4-H leadership in animal husbandry and various craft projects.

Involved in a local citizens action group.

### **Statement**

If ever there was a time to pay attention to your local governance, the time is now. Radical changes in education are being implemented in our school districts. Did you know that Washington state does not consider you, the parent, as the primary stakeholder in your child's education? I am running for the school board because I believe that parents are the primary stakeholders. You are responsible and accountable for what your children are taught. I will encourage parental involvement in the school system, and I look forward to working together with school administrators, staff, and students in maintaining a positive and flourishing school environment. One that teaches children how to think - not what to think.



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# **General Election**

## **Tuesday, November 7, 2023**

***Make sure your ballot gets counted! Return your ballot:***

- In a ballot drop box by 8:00 p.m. November 7 OR
- In the mail, postmarked by November 7
- Track to see if we have received your ballot at [VoteWA.gov](https://VoteWA.gov)

