

ELECTION '16

Horning upsets incumbent Johnson

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Horning said a tsunami is long overdue in Seaside, and campaigned on building up the city's evacuation infrastructure.

Horning estimated the cost of replacement at \$5 million for each of seven at-risk bridges. Upgrades could be financed by five-year city bonds, he has said.

During the Ward 3 campaign, Johnson emphasized



Tom Horning Don Johnson

his 16 years of experience and past leadership on the budget committee and Planning Commission.

Johnson had said the city

is doing a "great job" of preparing for the Big One with limited resources. He said the city should not only consider the dangers of a potential tsunami, but remember storms come through much more frequently.

Both Johnson and Horning are lifelong Seaside residents.

Ward 4 Councilor Seth Morrissey and Wards 1 and 2 Councilor Randy Frank ran unopposed and will retain their seats.

Morrissey previously served for two years, making this his first full-time term. He thanked his constituents.

"I've had the pleasure of working with a talented city staff and caring City Council," he said. "While we don't always agree on the issues, we always work together respectfully for the good of Seaside. Going forward, I encourage feedback and participation from residents over the next four years."



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Gearhart Administrative Assistant Gail Como said turnout was much greater than the 2012 presidential election.

Gearhart picks mayor

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"We've very excited," Brown said from New York City, where he was celebrating the win and an award for Merchandiser of the Year from the PGA of America. "Looks like we got a good percentage, for sure."

Brown said the key was citizen involvement. "We ran on a platform of citizens being involved, following our comprehensive plan, which is a blueprint for a sustainable, residential Gearhart, and making common-sense decisions," Brown said. "That's what the majority of residents of Gearhart believe in and that's what resonated with our citizens, for sure."

Shortman, a general contractor, ran in 2012 against Mayor Dianne Widdop. A full-time Clatsop County resident since 1979, he is semi-retired and manages long-term rental properties. He said he saw the mayor's role as "a business and management position." He conceded the election Tuesday night.

Turnout was "huge," Administrative Assistant Gail

Como said early Tuesday afternoon, much higher than in 2012, with many last-minute ballots delivered to City Hall.

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"I concede him the race and wish him the best of luck," Shortman said. "I think the city will be in good hands with Mr. Brown."

Brown, 41, attended Gearhart Elementary School, Seaside High School and Linfield College, where he graduated with a degree in business. As a PGA professional, Brown served at Astoria Golf & Country Club, Bandon Dunes Golf Resort and Pumpkin Ridge Golf Club before returning to his hometown in 2006, where he lives with his longtime girlfriend, Julie Visser, also a native. In July, as general manager and PGA head professional at the Highlands Golf Club, Brown was honored with a national award as Merchandiser of the Year.

School construction bond succeeds

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"This victory belongs to our community which had the foresight to see how important high quality schools are to the future of everyone who lives in the Seaside School District," Superintendent-emeritus Doug Dougherty said. "New schools benefit the entire community, strengthen our economy and, in this case, provide a safe place for all in an emergency. From retirees to those just starting out, employees to business owners, children and families; education touches everyone and strengthens the fiber and opportunity of our community."

The bond came three years after a failed \$128.8 million dollar plan. The scaled-back proposal eliminated an auditorium, covered bleachers, long-term emergency shelters and a varsity playing field. The new bond equates to about \$1.35 per thousand, a 37.5 percent total reduction in cost from the previous bond. A home with



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Supporters of the bond gathered in Gearhart Tuesday night.

an assessed value of \$200,000 would see a tax hike of about \$270 and a \$400,000 home about \$540.

Advocates of the proposal, including Vote Yes For Our Local Schools, presented a sustained campaign to promote the bond, which, they said, was necessary not only for the safety of the students but because of the condition of the schools. Gearhart Elementary School, Broadway Middle School and Seaside High School were built with an expected life span of 45 to 50 years. Each has been used beyond that span. Dougherty

described the schools as unsafe, deteriorating and "very inefficient."

With a land gift of 80 acres from Weyerhaeuser Co. in the East Hills, along with favorable interest rates and a likelihood of limited matching funds from the state, proponents said "this was the best time" to pass the bond.

"It really shows that this community cares about its kids, its families and its economic prosperity," said Gail Dundas of Vote Yes for Our Local Schools. "I'm still just reeling from the wonder of it all."

"We've very happy," said Seaside School District Superintendent Sheila Roley. "What I'm feeling is an incredible level of gratitude to our community and our students, and the way people have come together to support our students and our learning. It's a wonderful testament to how our community operates."

Next steps, Dougherty said in October, the school district would approach the City Council for an urban growth boundary expansion, a process joined by the county and the state. The expansion enabling roads and services could be completed within a year. Schools are expected to be completed at the new location within four years.

"Thank you to so many people who made this happen for our kids," Roley said.

"I couldn't be more proud of our community for stepping forward and making a truly historic decision that will improve the lives of children and families for generations to come," Dougherty added.

Boone re-elected to seventh term

By Edward Stratton
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State Rep. Deborah Boone handily won a seventh term in the state House Tuesday. She bested Republican challenger Bruce Bobek, a physician at Columbia Memorial Hospital in Astoria.

House District 32 covers all of Clatsop, most of Tillamook and a western portion of Washington counties. Boone, who lives in Hamlet, was first elected the district's representative in 2004, replacing Elaine Hopson. She had previously served 16 years as a legislative assistant to seven different legislators, as well as on the Clatsop County Board of Commissioners.

Boone, who was not available for comment Tuesday, said her main issues for running were to protect education and public safety, and to improve the region's economy.

"I basically wish Debby Boone well," Bobek said. "I was above board, and I ran a positive campaign. I appreciate all the people who voted for me and helped me."



Deborah Boone Bruce Bobek

Bobek, a physician and president of the medical staff at Columbia Memorial Hospital, decided in January to run against Boone and was unopposed in the primary. He said his biggest challenge was name recognition.

"The biggest problem I had was name recognition, I think," said Bobek, who last held office as a Warrenton city commissioner in the 1990s.

Bobek said there are a lot of issues in the state and Clatsop County, from schools and fishing to timber, that need to be addressed, but that he and Boone share some opinions. During his campaign, he espoused a fiscally conservative but open philosophy, and has said his focus was on improving health care and education throughout the state.

Seaside voters OK cannabis tax

By Edward Stratton
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A measure to ban marijuana sales in Cannon Beach narrowly failed Tuesday with a 51 percent to 49 percent vote.

Astoria, Seaside and Cannon Beach voters, meanwhile, overwhelmingly approved a 3 percent local tax on recreational marijuana sales to support public safety.

In 2014, marijuana-legalization Measure 91 passed with 63 percent of the vote in Cannon Beach. In July, a group of residents gathered 155 certified signatures and successfully brought forth Measure 4-179, asking voters whether recreational sales should be banned. Heading the committee of residents were Jeremy Randolph, Marlene and Gary Laws, Nancy Giasson and Molly Edison.

In all, more than 50 cities and counties across Oregon considered banning marijuana sales Tuesday.

"The primary purpose of putting the measure on the ballot was to let the people

of Cannon Beach vote on it," Randolph said.

Randolph said he was a prosecutor in Washington state and supported legalizing marijuana. "None of us dealt with marijuana users committing crimes," he said.

Randolph said he is not excited about the prospect of marijuana stores opening near his home, but that the stores would not have a significant effect on crime.

"People do not come to Cannon Beach to buy marijuana," he said. "If they want to get high, all they have to do is look at the natural beauty of this area."

The Cannon Beach City Council had already voted 4-1 in July to restrict marijuana sales to three separate commercial zones. Under the ordinance, retailers could operate downtown from Ecola Creek south to Washington Street, midtown from Harrison Street south to Elliot Way and in Tolovana Park from Delta Street south to the Sandcastle Condominiums.

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