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THE NEWS Guard

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The end of an era

This will be the final edition of The News Guard.

Our publication isn’t going away. We are embarking on a new and exciting turning point.

We’ve shared news about city celebrations, high school graduations, city government decisions, transportation projects, new housing efforts, and environmental changes. Over the years, the presentation of the news has adjusted to what our readers asked for to best fit local lifestyles.

As we move forward, two of Lincoln County’s storied community newspapers are joining together to provide one countywide weekly publication.

Beginning next week, The News-Times and The News Guard will publish as one newspaper each Wednesday.

This is a strategy that Oregon-based Country Media considers a sustainable path forward for your hometown newspaper.

The News-Times and The News Guard have a rich tradition of covering Newport, Lincoln City and other cities across Lincoln County. For over 100 years, they have been reporting and documenting the local news. This upcoming change will help The News-Times and The News Guard continue to inform and educate about community events, county government, economics, schools, sports and regional issues every week.

I believe the Lincoln County Leader must be an involved and active community business. We do this by participating with local area organizations and nonprofits, serving on boards and committees, and providing sponsorships. Understanding and capturing the diverse interests within Lincoln County and advocating for good government are things we do not take lightly.

My philosophy is that a hometown newspaper should promote its community while informing and educating its readers on locally relevant issues. Our county’s businesses need your support. We’re one of those local businesses, and we hope you’ll continue to support your hometown Lincoln County Leader.

We appreciate your readership!

Frank Perea II
Publisher
The Lincoln County Leader



Lincoln County Sheriff’s deputies joined LCPD officers during the search for the robbery suspect.

Jeremy C. Ruark / Country Media, Inc.

Arrest made in TLC Credit Union robbery and other local crimes

JEREMY C. RUARK
Country Media, Inc.

Lincoln City Police announce that a subject has been arrested for the armed robbery that occurred at the Lincoln City branch of TLC Fibre Federal Credit Union on June 15, 2023.

“The arrest comes after several months of intensive investigation that involved multiple law enforcement agencies,” Lincoln City Police Department (LCPD) Lt. Jeffrey Winn said.

Micah James Wilson, 20, of Marion County, Oregon has been arrested following the investigation.

Lincoln City Police responded to the TLC Fibre Federal Credit Union at approximately 10:05 a.m. June 15, after receiving a report of an armed robbery having just occurred at the location.

As officers arrived at the scene, they determined the suspect had fled the location on foot. The officers, LCPD detectives, and deputies from the Lincoln County Sheriff’s Office began investigating the incident.

The suspect, believed to be a male, was described as wearing a hoodie, puff jacket, mask and blue gloves, and he reportedly displayed a back pistol.

As police arrived on the scene, they received reports of a person matching the suspect’s description walking towards the beach a few blocks from the robbery scene.

The suspect was not located at that time and detectives continued to investigate.

LCPD detectives began working with multiple other law enforcement agencies in the area, as well as agencies from the Mid-Willamette Valley area, and after several months of rigorous and thorough investigation, were able to gather information leading to the identification of the suspect as Micah James Wilson, according to Winn.

“As a result of the extensive investigation, LCPD detectives determined that Wilson was the suspect in another armed robbery that occurred in Lincoln City at the Snug Harbor Bar & Grill on May 7, 2023,” Winn said. “During this incident the suspect displayed a handgun and reportedly fired a shot while struggling with citizens trying to detain him.”

No injuries were reported in that incident and the suspect was able to flee from the scene.

“In addition, LCPD detectives were able to link Wilson to a business burglary that occurred at the Smoke Tokez shop on February 14, 2023,” Winn said.

On June 24, 2023, Wilson was arrested in Salem, Oregon on an abscond warrant and lodged at the Marion County Jail.

Additional charges from various Mid-Willamette Valley agencies soon followed. On October 11, 2023, a Lincoln County Grand Jury issued an indictment for Wilson on multiple charges including:

- Two counts of Robbery in the first degree
- Four counts of Unlawful Use of a Weapon
- Two counts of Pointing a Firearm at Another
- Three counts of Menacing
- Three counts of Recklessly Endangering Another Person
- Two counts of Assault in the Fourth Degree
- One count of Burglary in the First Degree
- One count of Theft in the First Degree
- One count of Theft in the Second Degree
- One count of Theft in the Third Degree
- Criminal Mischief in the First Degree
- Disorderly Conduct in the Second Degree

Wilson had been transferred from the Marion County Jail to the Lincoln County Jail and

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Many worry about plans for wind farms off Oregon Coast

LYNNE TERRY
Oregon Capital Chronicle News Guard Guest Article

The sun was peeking through the clouds during a short break in the rain as Nick Edwards was making his way along the Charleston Marina.

Edwards fished along the Oregon Coast for more than 40 years and now owns an 80-foot trawler named the Carter Jon, which commercially fishes Dungeness crab and pink cocktail shrimp.

Near the ramp’s entrance, Edwards ran into his captain, Jordan Murphy. The men exchanged keys, and the conversation quickly turned to floating offshore wind.

“We don’t want that, that’s my perspective,” Murphy said. “It would be a lot of our [fishing] grounds.”

Edwards has been spending a lot of time

Latest Development

County commissioners from Coos, Curry and Douglas counties passed proclamations opposing the floating offshore wind turbines.

learning about the hundreds of thousands of acres off the coast of Coos Bay and Brookings where the federal government has pitched the idea of building floating wind turbines for renewable energy.

One of his biggest concerns is how the construction and placement of turbines would impact the ecosystem and fishing grounds in the areas.

Edwards said the Oregon Coast offers a great place to fish because of its abundance of species. He’s

worried that could be lost to floating offshore wind.

“We don’t want the demise of our ecosystem to be the unintended consequences of offshore wind,” he said.

It’s a concern that’s been steadily growing in coastal towns that would be most directly affected by any offshore wind project.

While the Biden administration has previously said offshore wind is one way the country can more quickly move away from fossil fuel for its energy needs, Oregonians are demanding answers even as the plan remains in its infancy. Others frustrated with the lack of research, transparency and engagement from the federal government are filling the information gap with their own answers.

The Biden administration announced a goal to create

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Ed Johann remembered fondly

JEREMY C. RUARK
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Longtime Lincoln City resident Ed Johann passed away peacefully Dec. 26, according to family members.

Johann was 100 years old.

When Johann stopped driving at age 90, his longtime friend Mick McLean became his frequent driver.

“It was a historians dream,” McLean said, “to listen to his stories, like when he led a class of blind students to the top of Mt. Hood, was on the water in a 36-foot boat when Japanese attacked Pearl Harbor or describing some of challenges, he faced during his 15 years on the Lincoln City Council.”

McLean said he has three significant observations about Johann.

“Whoever drove him around town had to be patient as everywhere he was known, loved, and hugged,” McLean said. “He was unusual as he was open and willing to share his story with reporters, at Veteran and community events. Ed belongs on a billboard as a “Poster Symbol” for Healthy Living and Long Life. He never smoked, drank alcohol, and he was really bitter about drugs affecting our country.”

Background

During the Dec. 7 attack on Pearl Harbor, then 17-year-old Johann joined members of his military unit by reaching the USS Arizona to help haul the wounded out of the harbor to safety.

“This moment of hours shaped Ed’s life for the next 83 years,” an obituary from the family states.

In a 2017 News Guard interview, Johann shared his memories of the Dec. 7 Pearl Harbor attack.

“As armor piercing bombs penetrated several decks on the USS Arizona, reaching the storage area of ammunition and gun power, causing huge columns of black smoke to drift upwards into the sky,” he said. “Screaming dive bombers after dropping their devastation flew off into the blackness. Torpedo planes skillfully released their devastation. While the bombers and torpedo



Courtesy photo

A proud veteran, Johann spent his spare time in Lincoln City volunteering with Meals on Wheels, Toys for Tots, working out for bodybuilding competitions and was a semi pro boxer.

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Hospital will conduct armed intruder drill

JEREMY C. RUARK
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If you see a large number of emergency response vehicles at Samaritan North Lincoln Hospital in the early evening hours of Friday, Jan. 12, don't worry – it's only a drill!

Samaritan Health Services Security Coordinator Malcom Rutherford is overseeing what hospital officials are calling an educational activity.

"Practice is vitally important to ensure proper action is taken when a real emergency response is required," Rutherford said. "The drill will be a slow walk-through with the goal of educating all staff on the appropriate response to an armed intruder. Ultimately, we want all patients, staff and visitors to be as safe as they possibly can be if the worst-case scenario were to

ever happen here."

The active portion of the armed intruder drill will begin at about 6 p.m. It will focus on the Samaritan Early Learning Center and will impact the entire hospital campus. The simulated "shooter" will be portrayed by an actor holding a clearly fake weapon colored bright orange.

All area emergency management and emergency services staff from throughout the county have been notified, with many agencies participating in the drill, including county emergency call center, police, sheriff's deputies, ambulance and hospital staff.

During a similar drill in 2021, hospital and police administrators said the realistic drill was a valuable learning experience for involved staff, who were coached by observers on

the appropriate responses to take.

Lincoln City Police also have conducted such drills at various locations in the city. One such drill in April of 2023 was conducted at Oceanlake School in Lincoln City. The exercise focused on the triage and evacuation of injured persons at a mass causality incident. The police, fire, medics, and citizen volunteers concentrated on scene security and responder safety necessary in any type of critical incident, according to the training coordinators.

Lincoln City Police Lt. Jeffrey Winn said the April drill provided critical hands-on training for all those that participated.

"Ongoing training such as this is critical for all emergency responders to be able to hone their skills and learn work together, so they are better prepared to



Courtesy photo from Lincoln City Police

Lincoln City Police Department Sgt. Torin Liden and Officer KC Claunts portrayed the responding officers during an armed intruder drill in 2021. SNLH Medical/Surgical Nurse Bryan Sadler played the angry intruder.

respond to a real incident," Winn said. The training exercise allows us to build upon all of our strengths and learn of any weak points so that in an actual event we can maximize the safety of the public and save lives."

Shop With Cop event is a success



Courtesy Photo

Participating in the event are members from Lincoln County Sheriff's Office, Lincoln City Police Department, Newport Police Department, Toledo Police Department, Oregon State Police, United States Coast Guard Stations Depoe Bay and Yaquina Bay, Oregon National Guard-Newport.

SUBMITTED

Details from an annual local holiday event have been released that show 50 personnel from law enforcement and military agencies in Lincoln County joining members of Oregon Department of Human Services Child Welfare in the Shop with a Cop event at Walmart in Newport.

This annual event has been occurring in Lincoln County for more than two decades. The event is designed to enhance the relationship between children and their families

in foster care with emergency responders.

Participating public safety agencies in the Saturday December 2 shopping event included: Lincoln County Sheriff's Office, Lincoln City Police Department, Newport Police Department, Toledo Police Department, Oregon State Police, United States Coast Guard Stations Depoe Bay and Yaquina Bay, Oregon National Guard-Newport.

By the numbers

This year 98 children ages from 6 months to 17

years old, shopped with public safety personnel throughout Walmart. The families also got to meet Mr. and Mrs. Clause for a photo and a gift for each child. Snacks and drinks from the North Pole were also well-received.

With private donations supporting this event, each child was provided with a \$75 gift card to purchase gifts. Santa's elves from the supporting agencies and their families then wrapped the gifts so they were ready to take home.

Lincoln County Public Safety Agencies would like to thank the Siletz Tribal

Charitable Contribution Fund for their support of this event with a \$2000.00 grant award. Other private donations that made this event possible came from Toledo Rotary, Newport Rotary, Walmart Foundation, Lincoln County 4-H and private citizens.

If you would like to support Shop with a Cop in the future, please contact your local law enforcement agency, we are always accepting donations. Please specify you would like your donation to go to Shop with a Cop.

Coffee with a deputy is set for Jan. 31

LINCOLN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

The Lincoln County Sheriff's Office is excited to start the year off by having our first quarterly Coffee with a Deputy event of 2024 in Waldport.

Join us from 8 a.m. to 10 a.m. Jan. 31, for a cup of coffee and a conversation at Café Chill, located at 540 NE Commercial Street in Waldport.

Every three months our office will partner with a local coffee shop in

Lincoln County to provide a time, space, and coffee for community members to meet our team and share what's on their minds.

Coffee with a Deputy events are a friendly and relaxed way for communities to connect with the deputies that serve them.

These events offer a unique opportunity for community members to directly engage with law enforcement, ask questions, voice concerns, and build positive relationships.

SHERIFF'S TIPS OF THE WEEK

Finding your way in winter

LINCOLN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

That that winter has officially arrived, it's time to start driving with extra caution.

Our partners at the Oregon Department of Transportation have some excellent tips regarding use of your GPS during our rough and unpredictable weather and we thought it would be good to share them here as well:

When roads are closed and your GPS navigation system directs you onto a detour route, keep in mind that the device you count on for guidance could instead guide you into trouble. Most navigation tools don't take current road or weather conditions into consideration. They may direct you onto remote roads that are neither maintained nor passible in all weather conditions.

Navigation systems and similar smartphone apps are great tools, but travelers may need to verify the identified detour route is appropriate given current conditions and the vehicle they are driving. Here are a few tips to consider:

Use TripCheck.com (available on your computer and on your phone) to get the latest on state road conditions or call 511.

Remember, in winter conditions (or in summer's fire season), roads can be impassable, so USE COMMON SENSE.

If you are not familiar with an area and current road conditions, stay on state roads and don't attempt detours onto roads you don't know.

Alter your travel plans. If you are not sure of the route and road conditions your GPS device directs you to, ask local folks for information and consult a map. It is better to stay the night in town rather than be stuck on a remote road in the middle of nowhere.

What ODOT will do

Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT) crews work continually to keep state highways safe, but during certain conditions, such as blowing snow and freezing temperatures, you may want to avoid travel altogether.

ODOT will issue media flash alerts if roads are closed. These will be updated continually on TripCheck.com.

For more information and tips, visit www.lincolncountysheriff.net

What you can do

Be aware that the app on your phone or in your GPS device might not have the latest information – don't follow it blindly!

POLICE BLOTTER

Dec. 26
8:20 p.m.
Intoxicated female threatening to harm herself in the 600 block of SW 32nd Street. Female contacted and transported to Samaritan North Lincoln Hospital.

9:01 p.m.
Officer advised of an assault victim in the 3000 block of NE 28th Street.

9:32 p.m.
Request from Klamath County to check female missing from their jurisdiction in, door kicked in. Restraining Order against male she may be with. Officers responded to the 500 block of SE Highway 101 to find missing female. A subject was taken into custody for kidnap and Restraining Order Violation and transported to jail.

Dec. 27
11 a.m.
Police arrest a subject in the 200 block of Drift Creek Road for Assault II. Subject was transported to jail.

11:35 a.m.
Caller in the 800 block of SW Highway 101 reports vehicle hit while parked on the lower level of parking structure. Damage to driver side quarter panel.

Unknown suspect.

12:11 p.m.
A three-vehicle traffic crash reported at SE 31st Steet and Highway 101.

2:25 p.m.
A driver was cited in the 1000 block of SE Highway 101 for Driving Uninsured and vehicle impounded by Menafee Towing.

4:05 p.m.
Security officer in the 1700 block of NW 44th Street reported a counterfeit \$20 bill at location. Unknown suspect.

5:17 p.m.
A hit and run reported in the 1500 block of SE East Devils Lake Road. Vehicle hit in the parking lot. No suspects.

7:19 p.m.
A female was taken into custody on multiple warrants in the 6000 block of SW Galley Avenue. She has already been arrested on the warrants, given new court date. She is fighting extradition.

11:44 p.m.
Police conducted a traffic top in the 1500 block of SE East Devils Lake Road. Driver cited and released for Driving While Suspended.

Dec. 28
No reports available

Dec. 29
9:52 a.m.
Graffiti located on the wall roll up door in the 900 block of NW Highway 101. Video of two male young adults obtained by area business matching graffiti at 1039 NW Highway 101, 1124 NE Highway 101, 912 NW Highway 101, 1609 NW Highway 101 and 2020 NE 22nd Street.

1:02 p.m.
Graffiti found on side of building in the 2400 block of NW Highway 101.

11:35 p.m.
Subject taken into custody in the 4900 block of SE Highway 101 following a traffic stop with a wrong-way driver. Driver transported to jail.

Dec. 30
7:20 a.m.
Caller in the 4100 block of NW Logan Road reports female asked to leave and is refusing to do so. Female arrested for Trespass and on two warrants out of Salem.

5 p.m.
A theft reported in the 5900 block of SE Highway 101. Suspect walked out of business and did not pay

the bill.

9:28 p.m.
Subject arrested in the 2400 block of NW Highway 101 and charged with DUI. Vehicle towed. Subject taken to jail.

9:56 p.m.
Officer retrieved a counterfeit 100 bill from security in the 1700 block of NW 44th Street. No suspects.

Dec. 31
1:40 a.m.
Subject arrested for DUII at NE 6th Drive and Highway 101. Vehicle impounded.

3:34 a.m.
Alarm company reported video burglary alarm activation in the 2100 block of NE 29th Street. A person could be seen on video at the construction site in one of the buildings. Subject located in the building basement, taken into custody, and charged with Burglary II, Trespass II and Theft II. K9 was deployed during this incident.

8:02 a.m.
Call came in from the 100 block of SE Highway 101 for male medical call parking lot of location. CPR discontinued. DA released deceased to Pacific View to retrieve deceased.





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COAST MOMENT



A pod of pelicans sails over the Pacific Ocean. See more Coast Moments at thenewsguard.com.

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CALENDAR

- Jan. 12 Armed Intruder drill**

The goal of this drill is to educate all staff on the appropriate response to an armed intruder, according to Samaritan Health Services. The active portion of the armed intruder drill will begin at about 6 p.m. It will focus on the Samaritan Early Learning Center and will impact the entire hospital campus at Lincoln City.

Jan. 13-14 Wood Carving Show

The Coastal Carvers of Lincoln City 30th annual wood carving show and sale at Chinook Winds Convention Center, 1777 NW 40th Street in Lincoln City.
- On Going Music**

Enjoy Singing? The Lincolnaires, an informal singing group, meets every Tuesday from 10 a.m.to 11 a.m. at the Senior Center and is looking for more voices. Come and join us! For more information, contact Karen Nichols 541-669-1147.

Vets Lunch

Veterans Free Homemade Soup and Sandwich offered twice monthly from 12 p.m. to 2 p.m. on the second and fourth Wednesdays at the Lincoln City B.P.O. Elks # 1886 located at 1350 S.E. Oar Avenue in Lincoln City.
- Lincoln City Senior Center Events**

Dementia Caregiver Support Group meets at 10 a.m. 1st and 3rd Thursdays.

Tai Chi 8:15 a.m. and 9:30 a.m. on Mondays and Wednesdays. No membership required. Donation to instructor suggested.

Folk Music Circle to begin meeting Thursdays at 5:30 p.m. beginning in April.

Weekly Walk on LCCC track. No charge or membership required. 10:30 a.m. Mondays.

Chair Yoga 11:30 a.m. Mondays. No membership required. Donation to instructor suggested.

Central Coast Word Surfers

Writing group 1 to 3 p.m. every second Saturday of the month. Free. Driftwood Public Library, 801 SE Highway 101 in Lincoln City

Lincoln County Genealogical Society

Regular meeting first Saturday of each month from 10 -10:45 a.m. Programs begin at 11 a.m. We host a kaffeeklatsch before our meeting from 9:30 a.m. -10 a.m. All are welcome to attend. Call 503-302-8892, or visit LCGSOregon.org.

If you have a community event coming up, send brief details with the date, time, location and contact phone/email to jruark@countrymedia.net.



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A Great Blue Heron with an attitude.

Audubon Society hosts bird walks

SUBMITTED and Explore Lincoln City.

Saturday, Jan. 13

Hatfield Marine Science Center (HMSC) Nature Trail and Yaquina Bay South Jetty

Yaquina Bay regularly hosts thousands of wintering waterfowl. After walking the trail, we'll drive to the south jetty if time permits. Harlequin, diving ducks, loons, and other wintering birds should be visible. Meet in the HMSC visitor center parking lot at 2030 SE Marine Science Drive in Newport.

All ASLC bird walks are free, family-friendly, easy to moderately easy, and open to the public; no pre-registration or experience is required. Binoculars and

guidebooks are provided. Walks are held rain or shine; dress appropriately for coastal weather and muddy trails. Be sure to carry water. Look for the ASLC sign at the meeting site. For details and any cancellations, check the ASLC website (lincolncityaudubon.org) or Facebook (@audubonlincolncity).

Audubon Society of Lincoln City (lincolncityaudubon.org) was founded as a chapter of the National Audubon Society in 2005. The membership organization, ASLC is active in education and advocacy for protection of birds, other wildlife, and their habitats in Lincoln and Tillamook Counties.

How many drinks do you have in a week?

Excessive drinking has a way of sneaking up on us. A few drinks, a few nights a week — it adds up. And suddenly we're at greater risk for long-term problems, like heart disease, cancer and depression. Is it time to rethink the drink?

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Wind

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45 gigawatts of offshore wind energy capacity in the United States by 2035. The announcement came with promises of tens of thousands of jobs and protection for ocean wildlife. The U.S. Department of Interior’s Bureau of Ocean Energy Management, or BOEM, is the federal agency charged with identifying, proposing and leasing the ocean areas needed.

In August, after more than a year of gathering data, BOEM proposed more than 200,000 acres across two locations off the coast of Southern Oregon. The draft wind energy areas would begin about 13 miles offshore and stretch out to about 57 miles from each location.

Picking the potential location is the first step the agency must take before leasing the areas to a developer that would eventually build and install wind turbines.

The current draft wind energy areas are smaller than the original draft area announced in April, which was more than 1.1 million acres. BOEM cut the size of the area after the public complained it was too sprawling.

The recent draft prompted pushback from many local community members, receiving more than 1,100 public comments, as well as calls from Gov. Tina Kotek and state agencies that asked for more research on potential cultural, environmental and wildlife impacts.

County commissioners from Coos, Curry and Douglas counties passed proclamations opposing the floating offshore wind turbines.

John Sweet, one of three Coos County commissioners, said although he helped pass a county proclamation opposing the potential for floating offshore wind, he is still undecided.

“I grew up right on the coast,” he said. “I worked in the ocean transportation business for almost 40 years. So I’m aware of the ocean conditions here and that gave rise to some concern that this might not work.”

When Sweet first heard about the turbines, he thought they might be a good thing for the local community, as offshore wind could bring jobs and potentially cheaper electricity.

But he wondered how BOEM and potential developers would construct and maintain the turbines, as sea conditions like strong waves and wind currents, as well as salt-water corrosion, could damage electrical

components and cables.

Like others, he also wondered about environmental impacts. Most importantly, he said, he wants to avoid big companies coming in and leaving — a cycle well known from the timber industry.

“It devastates the community,” he said. “We’ve been there and done that.”

Sweet recalls the aftermath of the timber industry in the 1980s when it would bring jobs and boost the local economy. After all the timber was harvested, he said, there was a “huge exodus” of jobs, leaving families and local businesses without livelihoods.

“I just don’t want to see another cycle like that where it’s a boom and then a bust, and I don’t think we know enough about this to risk that happening,” he said.

Lack of engagement

The Confederated Tribes of Coos, Lower Umpqua and Siuslaw Indians feel frustrated by the lack of answers, too.

In late October, the tribes passed a resolution opposing floating offshore wind, saying BOEM has repeatedly failed at consulting with the tribes to preserve fishing and other cultural resources.

The opposition wasn’t always the case, Tribal Council Chair Brad Kneaper said.

In 2020, the tribes had no firm position but asked to learn more about what environmental and cultural impacts could occur. In 2022, with still no answers, the tribes passed a resolution limiting their support.

“They’re required by federal law to consult with tribes,” Kneaper said. “I think they have the best intentions to do that as best they can, but they’re not able to.”

Kneaper said the tribes have provided written and verbal comments to BOEM, and have participated in meetings with the agency. Some of the concerns Kneaper has heard from tribal members is the height and potential placement of the floating wind turbines. Some worry the massive machines could destroy viewpoints that are culturally significant to the tribes.

Renewable energy shouldn’t do more harm than good to the current environment, the tribes said.

“Everything has a consequence,” Kneaper emphasized. “You may call a project a green energy project, a renewable energy project, but what’s the consequences of that? How do you weigh those

consequences against the benefits and do the benefits outweigh the consequences?”

development process has led some residents to seek their own answers. Mike Graybill has been spending most of his time reading news articles and research about offshore wind from around the world, as he forecasts how those projects could play out in Southern Oregon. Graybill was a manager of the South Slough National Estuary Research Reserve in Charleston for 30 years before retiring.

“I felt compelled to do my own research because I had no basis for an opinion,” he said.

Graybill’s self-guided education has led him to give presentations on the South Coast to community members wanting to learn more. Their most common reaction is shock, he said.

“Nobody has an understanding of the scale and the nature of what’s involved. So anytime I’ve given a presentation, I’ve just shown people what it looks like and what’s involved in doing it,” he said. “When people see what’s involved in doing it in this community, they don’t want any part of it.”

In his opinion, floating offshore wind is not the right approach for renewable energy for Oregon. The state should focus on deploying more solar panels in vast, open farmland rather than deploying offshore wind turbines, he said.

“We really need to focus the conversation on climate, not on jobs and economy,” Graybill added. “If the conversation is pointed toward what’s the most appropriate role for the state of Oregon to play in this effort to decarbonize, then we should look at the full suite of renewable options and evaluate how Oregon can best contribute.”

Graybill isn’t the only one filling in the information gap.

Over the summer, the Oregon Natural Resources Industries, or ONRI, began sharing information on its Facebook page and website opposing floating offshore wind turbines. The group shares links to various news articles and blog posts that oppose offshore wind. It also shares infographics made by a member of its group attempting to describe some of the offshore wind technology, along with “No Windmills” posts and letters of opposition to lawmakers.

ONRI describes itself as a group that “supports, defends, and protects natural resource jobs, families and communities.” The group was founded as an offshoot of Timber Unity, a conservative group backed by the timber

industry to oppose climate policies in Oregon. In 2019 and 2020, Timber Unity rallied truckers to the state Capitol to oppose a program for reducing greenhouse gas emissions, and since then the group has inserted itself into other controversial political issues.

Jen Hamaker, president of ONRI, said her group’s position on offshore wind comes from the various research and articles that say how dangerous the technology could be to marine life, as well as speculated potential costs to local utility bills.

“We have all these different groups of people that are coming together for a goal of stopping these wind turbines,” she said. “We all have different reasons and because of that, this is the biggest groundswell of people that I’ve seen in a long time.”

No one from ONRI lives in Coos Bay or the other communities that would be most directly affected by offshore wind, though Hamaker notes her father was a fisherman off Oregon’s northern coast. Despite a lack of local connection, she said her group shares frustrations with area residents who want more answers from the federal government.

Before BOEM’s public comment deadline in October, Hamaker said she wrote and sent out proclamation guides for local county commissioners to use. She said proclamations are “an effective tool” that local governments can pass to represent the whole county rather than one public comment.

She and county commissioners agreed that the proclamations were not a deciding factor in Coos, Curry and Douglas county leaders opposing the federal proposal.

‘Can always do better’

Oregonians’ response to and engagement with the draft wind energy areas gathered the most comments out of the West Coast region, said Doug Boren, BOEM’s Pacific regional director.

“I think we’re getting the message out there that BOEM is here and we really do want the public input,” he said.

Boren admitted there could be more effort in communication and engagement, especially in explaining BOEM’s process.

“I know that I can always do better,” he said.

BOEM’s process is different from what South Coast Oregonians have been used to when large projects are proposed, Boren said, like the 229-mile Jordan

Cove liquid natural gas pipeline project. Jordan Cove was set to become Oregon’s single largest emitter of greenhouse gases. After more than a decade of processes, permitting and federal environmental reviews, developers decided to pull the plug in late 2021, citing difficulty obtaining critical state permits to move forward.

In BOEM’s case, drafting the areas to propose a sale is the beginning of their process, Boren said. After proposing the sale, the lessee would do its own surveys of the area, submit a plan to BOEM and then conduct federal environmental reviews.

“That’s where I think some of the questions that stakeholders have [been asking] and the confusion that we’re not disclosing, it’s because we don’t know yet,” he said.

The agency understands people want to know more information before any sale takes place, Boren said, but once that information is available, the community will have another opportunity to submit public comments.

There are also stipulations in the next phase that require the lessee to communicate with local groups, like tribal nations and the fishing industry, so they can have more opportunities to provide input into the development of the plan.

The decision will not be

made lightly, Boren said.

The transition from fossil fuels to renewable energy is difficult to balance as there can be unintended consequences, especially for Indigenous, rural, low-income and people of color who are disproportionately impacted by the climate crisis. It’s prompting researchers to look into how siting renewable energy projects, such as mining, transmission lines and ocean projects, could impact these people.

“It would be great if we could find an area with zero conflict off the coast of Oregon, but I think the reality is there’s probably no place with zero conflict,” Boren said.

If BOEM decides to move forward, it would be a decision made by both the agency and the state of Oregon. Right now, the agency is still reviewing all public comments and is working on a memo to show how BOEM took public comments into consideration as it moves forward.

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OBITUARY

Ed Johann

Ed Johann passed away peacefully on Tuesday December 26th at 7:25pm.

Ed was born on July 11 1923 in San Fernando Valley and lived a modest childhood full of family, fun, hunting and adventure. Ed enjoyed going to movies in his early teens, and as he tells it, he and his brother Kenneth each got a nickel and went to the picture shows. Ed was overtaken by sailors dancing flocked with ladies and thought I’m going to join the Navy.

Little did he know that on the early morning hours of December 7, 1941 Japanese bombers came into Pearl Harbor to decimate the Navy ships. Ed was thrown into helping others at the age of 17. He and some other men jumped in a skiff, and started motoring out to the USS Arizona to help haul the wounded out of the harbor to safety. This moment of hours shaped Ed’s life for the next 83 years.

Attracted to hazardous adventures Ed joined the

Portland fire department in 1951, climbed peaks and mountains with the Mazama’s climbing club, and started his own mountain guide service. During these years, he was also a member of the Oregon search and rescue and assisted in saving lives during this time. From the mid-50s throughout the 70s Ed summited 83 peaks in the US Canada Peru, Guatemala and Mexico.

He spent his spare time volunteering with Meals on Wheels, Toys for Tots, working out for bodybuilding competitions and was a semi pro boxer named Joe Hann.

In 1979 Ed retired from the Portland Fire Department and moved to the cottage in Siletz bay that he and his father built. Ed volunteered for many different organizations while living at the Oregon coast. As a result, he ran for city council and locked in Lincoln city councilman seat From 1983 to 1990. During this time he also

founded the north Lincoln County Museum in 1987 in an effort to preserve the history of the area. He organized many beach cleanup efforts, worked with parks and recreation to clear trails in and around the area and helped to build a community center in Taft, Oregon.

While exiting a restaurant in October 2017, Ed missed a step fell and broke his hip. He had lived alone in his Lincoln city cottage, and now had to be transported to the valley and lived the rest of his days in a wheelchair. That did not slow Ed down, continued to give to so many in the form of storytelling, silly jokes, and made friends with many of his caretakers at Marquis care facility.

In January 2023, the people of Lincoln city, along with family and lifelong friends, the Lincoln city parks department dedicated the Ed Johann Veterans Plaza for Ed’s contributions. And

celebrated a life well lived in July 2023 during his 100th birthday.

Ed will be forever missed in everyone’s life that he touched.

Ed is every man’s man. A true American hero.

I have fought in battles. I have seen men die. I feel no glory. Instead, I cry. ~Edward Johann

Ed is survived by his Granddaughter, Rachel Howard; Great Grandson Benjamin Jennings and Great Grandson Jason Jennings.

The family will not be holding a Memorial as we celebrated his life in person at his 100th Birthday Celebration.

Edward’s ashes will be scattered at sea at Pearl Harbor, date TBD 2024.

Memorial donations may be made to Lincoln City Parks & Recreation by clicking on the link:Paypal Link for Parks Donation.

News & Views

VIEWPOINT

Bipartisanship, commonsense urged for 2024

DAVID GOMBERG
News Guard Guest Column

It's been about six months since your legislature adjourned for the year.

This session was historic for a number of reasons, not the least of which was a legislative walkout that many feared would



David Gomberg

jeopardize our ability to pass a state budget and finish the work Oregonians were counting on us to do. But I see the 2023 session as historic in another sense. While some might argue this session was a cautionary tale about political gridlock and uncompromising agendas, I would disagree. Ultimately, the 2023 session was a triumphant example of what we can accomplish when we work together to solve common-sense problems for the people of Oregon – even during times of intense disagreement.

From housing and homelessness to rural economic development and critical infrastructure, 2023 has been a year of big legislative wins.

Just before the session, Governor Kotek declared a housing emergency. However, the emergency primarily focused on Oregon's major population centers, neglecting to include critical funding for the rest of rural Oregon including our legislative district. In response, I published a letter challenging the Governor to extend consideration of emergency funding to Oregon's 26 rural counties as well.

That moment marked the start of my work last session in helping legislative leadership develop what would become the Affordable Housing and Emergency Homelessness Response Package. This landmark budget framework served as a down payment to sustain shelters, rehouse homeless Oregonians, expand bed capacity across the state, and pave the way for increased affordable housing production, including in Lincoln County. We added \$26 million for rural counties and I carried the measure on the House floor.

Simultaneously, in collaboration with my Republican colleagues and other Democrats, I authored the bi-partisan 2023 Rural Infrastructure & Economic Development Package. This comprehensive set of nine bills allocated more than \$22 million to support outdoor recreation

and maritime workforce training programs at our coastal and rural colleges. It also included grant programs for struggling county fairgrounds, support for local ranchers and small farmers, funding for Small Business Development Centers, and initiatives to promote Oregon-caught seafood in local restaurants.

We secured targeted investments for our district that encompassed funding for the restoration of failing docks at the Depoe Bay Harbor, industrial sewer connections in Waldport to create good-paying jobs, wastewater treatment improvements in Newport, and additional bonding authority for the Center for Trades Education at the Oregon Coast Community College.

Beyond addressing housing, homelessness, and infrastructure challenges, the session allowed for significant strides in other priority areas. Newport's ongoing struggle with the replacement of failing earthen dams, particularly the seismically vulnerable Big Creek Dams, prompted legislative action.

While I have successfully secured authorizations for over \$74 million in state and federal funding over the past few years, I authored and passed House Bill 3211 this session, a critical piece of legislation to help Newport continue their work on the dam replacement project.

The persistent issue of abandoned and derelict vessels in public waterways also drew my attention. This session, my collaboration with the State Treasurer resulted in House Bill 2914, establishing a program and fund to enable Oregon to qualify and compete for federal dollars to prioritize and clean up these public health hazards.

Another significant achievement was the authoring and passing of House Bill 2902, directing the Education Department to develop materials for schools to better prepare students for natural disasters. As a coastal legislator and resident, this bill was particularly important to me.

While this overview does not capture the entirety of the legislation passed in the last session, it serves as a testament to the success achieved through cooperation and common-sense work in Salem. All these efforts were accomplished in concert with my Republican colleagues, showcasing the potential when diverse perspectives unite.

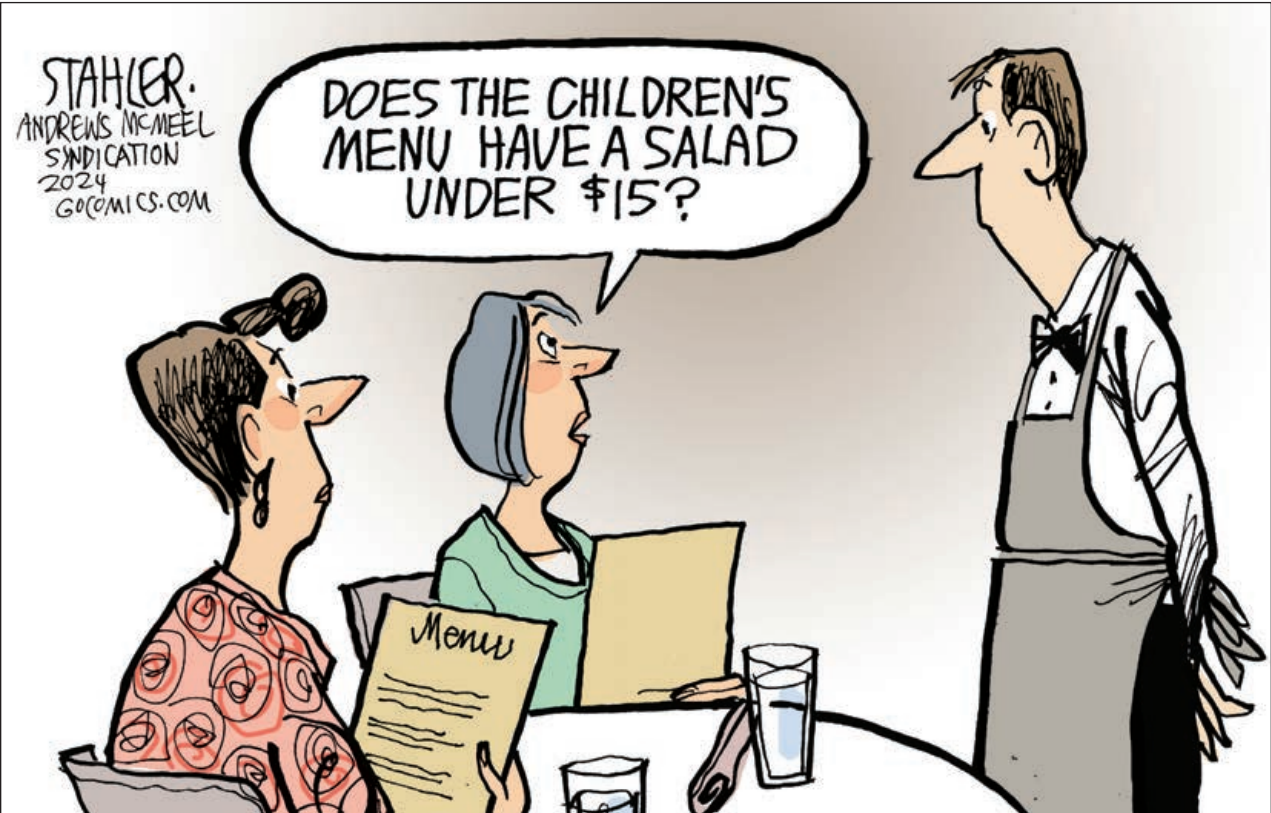
Looking forward to the upcoming 2024 session,

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CLARIFICATION

In the Dec. 27 News Guard article reporting a robbery summary, the investigation occurred outside the Pelican Brewing

Company at Siletz Bay, not at the TLC Credit Union. The News Guard is happy to set the record straight.



THIS THING CALLED LIFE

New year, same or different you

MICHELLE PIERSON YOUNG
News Guard Guest Column

It's widely acknowledged that achievable, measurable goals are important if we want to succeed.

It's a moving target as to whether or not New Year's resolutions

Michelle Young

have any merit. My assistant, Sophia, and I were having a discussion about this topic when she revealed to me in 2023, she'd done things just a little different.

"I realized I had the same things, like virtually everyone, on my list. Lose weight, exercise, stop

smoking... So, this year I decided I was going to spend time making friends with myself. You know, liking me."

Boomza! There we have it. What better bliss than to walk through our days knowing and liking ourselves. Our thoughts are constantly shaping our world and if we like the person, we're spending literally all our time with, well, those are going to be happy thoughts. And happy thoughts make a happy life. This is science.

In all my decades on this planet, the best thing I ever did for my health, for feeling young and vibrant, for losing weight, but not caring what size I am, THE best thing was getting my thoughts sorted. Learning about me, what makes me tick and what, on the

other hand, hasn't worked well for me, gave me the room I needed for both encouraging thoughts and the discomfort to change.

We get excited when a friend walks in looking vibrant and we have been looking for exactly the program to give us that, only to discover they've been doing the self-love, self-work thing and we lose interest. We'd rather be told to stop eating carbs or start running marathons, or... fill in the blank of the latest and greatest that caught your fancy. Following a strict diet or new exercise program can sometimes be a distraction from what's really bothering us.

When I got myself sorted (it's part of my job, I can't help others if I haven't done my own stuff), I lost interest in dieting, or drowning

in ice cream or what size my dress was, and then I lost weight. But let's let the words of my 21-year-old assistant inform our decisions, "This has been the most amazing year of my life. I'm so excited for everything that I made happen this year and for what is coming in the years ahead."

Incidentally, she lost weight too, but it's definitely not the lead in her story. She's happy. That's a big deal.

I wish you the happiest of New Years and I wish you the one, where you discover, you are already wonderful, and that this is a lot to work with already.

Michelle Pierson Young is a Lincoln City life coach. She may be reached at Michelleatplay.com.

VOICES OF THE COMMUNITY

Rerouting parent traffic

In May, residents living on NE 21st between NE Reef and Surf were presented with a plan to reroute parent traffic for Oceanlake Elementary from 22nd to 21st.

It was tentative, but no updates came. Right after Christmas, the notice came that RK Construction would soon remove an old stand of Douglas Fir, add a driveway, and pave a parking lot.

Parents sometimes line up 30 minutes early to retrieve children, earliest cars "stacking up" in the parking lot, the remainder lining 22nd. The new plan would "stack" cars in a new lot running from the current fire lane on 21st to the corner, the remainder lining 21st.

Rerouting to 21st would have negative consequences because it is much narrower than 22nd. In the event of a school fire, a line of cars would hinder the fire trucks needing access to the school fire lane and fire hydrant. Any car traveling east on 21st would have little room to pass and less once proposed sidewalks go in between Quay and Surf.

The plan also conflicts with the need to protect trees and osprey habitat. The height of the Douglas Fir, some over 200 years old, together with the height of the ridge, provide the best vantage point for osprey nesting in Kirtsis Park. Adults feed on fish there, using the trees as a way station between Devil's Lake and their nest.

The promise of new tree plantings is an inadequate

replacement for trees like these.

Shar Walbaum
Jerry Conlogue
Lincoln City

Sidewalk to school issue

ODOT Oregon Safe Routes to Schools initiative, part of a federal program, provides funding to make it easier and safe for children to walk or bike to schools.

OSRS funds granted to Lincoln County School District are being used to establish sidewalks on NE 21st Street from Hwy. 101 to NE Surf Avenue.

When the grant was written, Oceanlake Elementary served K-6 students. But LCSD was already planning to change it to a K-2 school and knew that young children would not be allowed to walk or bike to school.

The LCSD OSRS Proposal reported data from a 2014 Oceanlake Parent Survey. When 106 Oceanlake parents where asked at which grade they would permit children to walk or bike to school, none chose K-2. Furthermore, the Oceanlake principal was quoted as saying she doesn't expect K-2 students to walk or bike.

Safe Routes to Schools funds are being used to construct a sidewalk not expected to be used by young school children.

Gerald Conlogue
Lincoln City

VIEWPOINT

Healthy changes for coastal communities

DICK ANDERSON
News Guard Guest Column

The one thing constant in life is change.

2023 saw plenty of changes in state government; Governor Kotek took over, there was a new Senate President and a new House Speaker along with about one third of the legislators new to their

positions. I believe this has all been healthy for the communities on the coast in 2023.

We were able to finish the 2023 session spending billions for the needs of Oregonians. A few of the programs that will support our district include:

A pilot loan program targeting workforce housing with pre-development loans

to help keep housing costs down and help with the urgency of production.

Funding for the Port of Coos Bay to match Federal dollars for deepening the channel and facilitate the development of a shipping container operation.

A pilot childcare program to help facilitate development of more centers.

Funds to complete a substance abuse treatment center in Newport.

Record funding for schools.

I am proud of my achievements for the communities I represent. For us to have healthy communities, we depend on

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ONLINE POLL

This week
Will you be saving more or less money this New Year?

More
Less

Last week's results
Do you plan to make a New Year's resolution?

Yes 22.6%
No 77.4%

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Cloverdale Sanitary District

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Lincoln County celebrates first babies of 2024

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Each New Year’s Eve, the maternity staff at the five Samaritan Health Services hospitals in Benton, Lincoln and Linn counties await the arrival of the first baby to be born in 2024.

This year, Samaritan’s first baby of the new year was born in the early hours of New Year’s Day at the Newport hospital, followed several hours later by the first baby to be born at the Lincoln City hospital.

Baby Jade was born at Samaritan Pacific Communities Hospital to Heather and Joseph of Waldport at 3:30 a.m. on

Monday, Jan. 1. (Family’s last name withheld by request of the parents.) She weighed 7 pounds, 4 ounces and was 20.25 inches long.

Jade was welcomed home by big sister Layla, age 3 and one-half, who was very happy to learn she had a baby sister, and not a brother, her parents reported. The couple had chosen to not know the sex of their child until it was revealed to them during delivery.

Jade surprised her parents by arriving three days early. The couple was having a quiet New Year’s gathering with friends when Heather’s contractions began and then became

stronger. The couple packed up, arranged a sitter for Layla and headed north to Newport, with Jade arriving just a few hours later. Heather works as a stay-at-home mom and Joseph is a physical therapist with Samaritan.

Baby Lia Pech-Echeverria was born at Samaritan North Lincoln Hospital to Erik Pech and Jhenny Echeverria of Lincoln City at 2:02 p.m. on Monday, Jan. 1. She weighed 6 pounds, 3 ounces and was 19 inches long.

Lia was also welcomed home by a big sister, Lorretta, who is almost 5 years old. Father Erik commented that he would

be outnumbered by girls in the family, to which Jhenny enthusiastically agreed.

Lia was born three weeks early, so she was truly a new year surprise to the family. Like the Waldport family, the Lincoln City parents also had no idea they were going to have a girl until her birth. Erik and Jhenny work in the hospitality industry in Lincoln City, he at Otis Café and she at the Inn at Spanish Head.

Keeping with tradition, gift baskets filled with adorable and useful baby items were presented to each family. Jade’s basket was provided by SPCH Birthing Center staff. Lia’s gift basket was prepared



Courtesy photo
Baby Jade was born at Samaritan Pacific Communities Hospital to Heather and Joseph of Waldport at 3:30 a.m. on Monday, Jan. 1. (Family’s last name withheld by request of the parents.)

by the Samaritan North Lincoln Hospital Auxiliary and presented by Leslie James, executive director



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of North Lincoln Hospital Foundation.

Johann

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planes had unleashed their death and destruction and flew off to safety, the Zero fighters continued to maneuver skillfully among the carnage, continuing as they flew about to kill and maim targets like us. We were always moving, hurrying to get the injured to the safety of the hospital ship. I’m sure that the Zero fighters must have fired at us many times. “

Johann and his fellow servicemen attempted to save the wounded, while being shot at, dealing with small fires, explosions and smoke. Thirst, hunger and exhaustion were additional factors Johann said he fought against.

“We were in a harbor of hell,” Johann said. “We worked on regardless of the stench of the smoke and burnt flesh and the taste of the fuel oil that made you vomit. The sounds of explosions, aircraft motors, the yelling and screaming,

the eyes seeing grotesque scenes of disaster, body parts. We never thought about our own safety, just kept going, saving others, some of them screaming out in pain, some quiet in shock staring at you talking with their eyes.”

The following day, Johann said they took the bodies of the men who died of their injuries to the mainland.

“All during this horrendous day, we never took a moment to rest,” Johann said. “We continued to save sailors.”

After Pearl Harbor, Johann worked as a seaplane tender and traveled the Pacific Theater of War, from Midway, Wake Island, the Fij Islands and Australia. He was a member of the US Navy boxing team and continued to box after he was discharged from the Navy in 1945. Johann was awarded the US Navy Commendation Medal of Valor for his bravery during



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100-year-old Lincoln City resident Ed Johann passed away Dec. 26. This photo is from a 2013 interview at Johann’s Cutler City home.

Pearl Harbor.

In a 2018 published report in The News Guard, Johann told us,

“Pearl Harbor was the most horrible event a person can see,” Johann said. “But at 95-years-old, I can say I’m lucky to have wonderful friends in this community, and I had an incredible wife for 62 years.”

Attracted to hazardous adventures, Johann

joined the Portland Fire Department in 1951, climbed peaks and mountains with the Mazama Climbing Club, and started his own mountain guide service. Johann summited 83 peaks in the United States, Canada, Peru, Guatemala and Mexico. He also was a member of the Oregon Search and Rescue assisting in saving lives during, according to a family statement.

From the mid-50s throughout the 70s, Johann spent his spare time volunteering with Meals on Wheels, Toys for Tots, working out for bodybuilding competitions and was a semi pro boxer.

In 1979 Johann retired from the Portland Fire Department and moved to a cottage in Siletz Bay that he and his father had built. Johann volunteered for many different organizations while living at the Oregon Coast. He also became a Lincoln City Cjty Councilor, serving from 1983 to 1990. He founded the North Lincoln County Museum in 1987 to preserve the history of the area. He organized many beach cleanup efforts, worked with parks and recreation to clear trails in and around the area, and helped to build a community center in Taft.

During the last few years of his life, Johann lived at a retirement care center in the north Willamette

Valley.

In January 2023, the people of Lincoln city, along with family and lifelong friends, and the Lincoln City Parks & Recreation Department dedicated the Ed Johann Veterans Plaza for his contributions. During his 100th birthday in July 2023, friends and family gathered to celebrate Johann’s life.

Ed Johann is survived by his granddaughter, Rachel Howard, great grandson Benjamin Jennings, and his great grandson Jason Jennings.

Since a Celebration of Life was held on Johann’s 100th birthday, the family has decided not to conduct a memorial. However, Johann’s ashes will be scattered at sea at Pearl Harbor. A date for the event was pending at press time.

Memorial donations may be made to the Lincoln City Parks & Recreation Department at 21590 NE Oar Place in Lincoln City.

Anderson

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good schools, affordable housing, access to health care (mental, physical, oral) and childcare to be successful. I believe these things are the cornerstones that drive economic development.

As a healthy community, we would have companies wanting to relocate here and a ready and willing workforce for those companies. Our coastal communities are incredible places to live and provide

a wonderful environment for families to thrive, sometimes we need help from the state and sometimes we just need them to stay out of the way. Focusing on these core areas and our communities will be my priority as we move into 2024.

We are all aware of the issues with the drug addiction crisis (Measure 110) has caused in Portland. I think it is safe to say the problem is all along the coast as well. You will see some major focus of the

Legislature to address this problem in a hopefully bipartisan manner. I am committed to being part of the solution not just sound bites on the issue, but I do fear there may not be enough of a desire to really get to the heart of the drug crisis.

Housing is going to be a major part of my focus in the 2024 session. As Vice Chair of Senate Housing and a member of the Governor’s housing committee, I am on the front lines pushing for more

production of housing. We did a lot for the homeless portion of housing in 2023, we must now focus on the production side to reach the Governor goal of 36,000 units a year. You will see my office very focused on workforce housing and affordable housing which target many different income levels. All housing production needs have to be addressed for there to be viable progress.

The other project we are working on for the coast is traffic. Everyone in Oregon

uses Highway 101 up and down the coast. I will be focused on discussing this issue with ODOT, Governor Kotek, commissioners, mayors, and voters to uncover real opportunities to manage traffic through our communities. This is not just an issue for

Highway 101, but also the highways that feed into the communities of Newport, Florence, and Lincoln City to be specific.

Many other issues remain, but this will be a short 35-day session meant

to focus on emergencies and budget fixes. I am hoping we can move through the process with respect and bipartisanship for the good of Oregonians.

Sen. Dick Anderson represents District 5, which stretches from Lincoln City to Coos Bay on the coast and inland portions of Lane and Benton counties, including Philomath. He may be reached by email at sen.dickanderson@oregonlegislature.gov, or by phone at 503-986-1705.

Gomberg

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I am eager to share the successes that our legislative district experienced through bipartisan, common-sense efforts and how the lessons learned from this session can guide us toward continued success in the next.

As we approach the “short” session in 2024, with legislators limited to introducing two bills each and the session lasting a maximum of 35 days per the Oregon Constitution, I will admit that the quantity of legislative victories we saw last session will be hard to beat. However, I can promise that the work

I am doing will continue to embody the spirit of collaboration and common-sense policymaking that we need right now.

My primary focus in February will be a bipartisan water & wastewater infrastructure package, aimed at helping Oregon meet its housing production target of 36,000

units per year. Additionally, I will introduce a bill to implement the Ocean Policy Advisory Council’s 10-year assessment recommendations for the Marine Reserves Program. This legislation will include considerations for further tribal and fisheries engagement, representing policies crucial for

ensuring the Marine Reserve Program’s steps forward are carried out collaboratively, embodying the true spirit of the Oregon Way.

In spite of our differences in the statehouse, I truly believe we can do great work together. And there’s no better model for this than what we were able

to accomplish for House District 10, Lincoln County, and rural Oregon at-large this year.

State Rep. David Gomberg may be reached by email at rep.davidgomberg@oregonlegislature.gov, or by phone at 503-986-1410.

Arrest

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was in custody when he was arraigned on all of the Lincoln County charges on

Oct. 23, 2023.

Details were initially held due to ongoing investigations by other law enforcement agencies.

“Lincoln City Police are proud of the diligent investigative work conducted by our detectives that resulted in the

culmination of charges against an individual whose criminal conduct put the safety of citizens of Lincoln City and elsewhere at risk,”

Winn said. “The Lincoln City Police Department extends our thanks to all of the law enforcement agencies in our area, and

in the Mid-Willamette Valley area, who worked in partnership to resolve these cases and remove a criminal element from our streets.”

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