

# Goodding: Solidarity was evident in Seaside after death

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Colleagues remembered Goodding as a tenacious investigator and consummate professional who was active in the city's youth sports scene and earned respect by showing it. Goodding's boss said he was "the best of what anybody's looking for" in an officer. His high school hoops coach said it's easy to see how he went from standout student-athlete to lauded officer.

Goodding's philosophy was simple, according to his father: Bad people have gotten off the right path, but there's good in everybody.

"And I'm going to find it."

## Perfect role

Goodding, a Portland State University and Sherwood High School graduate, started his police career as a reserve officer in McMinnville then was hired in Seaside shortly after in 2003.

"That department absorbed him," his father said.

Goodding served as a patrol officer and detective before becoming a sergeant in 2007 — a role he was perfect for, said Seaside Police Sgt. Rich Nofield.



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Member of the ceremonial honor guard salute in front of Sgt. Jason Goodding's casket during the presentation of the flag at the memorial service.

Nofield, named to his current position this summer, said he also applied for the job but knew Goodding was the best candidate.

He recalled Goodding was concerned that his interview with the chief took 15 minutes and Nofield's six times that. But Nofield said he spent his interview telling the chief how great his colleague was.

"If you have a passion, he would talk to you about it, tell you how you can go achieve it, help you try to achieve it,

and then the next day he's like, 'How we doing on this?'" Nofield said in February.

Goodding loved his co-workers and the community. He had two children with the woman he met as an eighth-grader, and they lived next to the county Sheriff Tom Bergin at the dead end of a gravel road.

He was an avid Oregon Ducks fan, liked to work out and played on an adult law-enforcement football team.

His passion for athletics was longstanding: He captained

his high school basketball and football teams, leading the latter to the state championship game during his senior season. Dean Goodding said his son was named the school's male athlete of the year as a senior.

A former coach, who considers Goodding a friend, called him a quintessential leader who picked others up and had a trademark smile.

The coach, Roger Schenk, said he didn't know how many lives Goodding had touched until he was gone.

His guess as to why Goodding's story resonated so widely? People know a Jason Goodding in their own towns.

## Nonprofit helps family, others

Schenk was among those who organized a nonprofit — called the Bowmen Family Foundation, for Sherwood's mascot — after Goodding's death. Schenk said the organization is in memory of Goodding and Marine Capt. Aaron J. Contreras, who was killed in a 2003 helicopter crash in Iraq.

Schenk said the organization has raised about \$80,000, which it has put toward a range of causes. Among them: setting

up a trust fund for Goodding's girls, helping remodel their house and contributing to three Sherwood families in need of assistance.

It has also set up scholarships for Sherwood students interested in being first responders and nurses — Amy Goodding, Jason's widow, is a registered nurse. Seaside Police Chief Dave Ham said a former officer and current Portland fireman also helped spearhead a memorial scholarship effort in Seaside.

Tributes and recognition have rolled in since his killing. Goodding was posthumously awarded the state's Medal of Ultimate Sacrifice.

His death prompted an outpouring of love and respect in Seaside and elsewhere, said Ham, who was Goodding's close friend. The solidarity was evident in Seaside after Goodding's killing: A pair of memorials cropped up, and hundreds attended a vigil and his public service. People lined shut-down streets during a poignant procession leading to the service.

## 'I'll never forget that'

Dean Goodding said a Sea-

side golf course wanted to do something right away. So only a week after the public service, the course hosted a tournament in his son's name. Anyone could play.

Dean was in the refreshments cart, cruising the course, when he came upon a foursome that was whacking the ball, obviously unfamiliar with the sport. One of them hailed him down.

The man had heard Dean was the slain sergeant's father. And he had a story to tell.

The man threw his arms around Dean and thanked him for raising Goodding. They had gotten to know one another, Dean recalled the man saying, because Goodding had arrested him more than once.

He was sentenced to prison at some point. But Goodding tracked him down after his release. The sergeant also found the man a job.

It was an encounter that spoke to his son's influence.

"Where do you put that in life?" the elder Goodding asks. "I'll never forget that."

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# GMOs: 'We're only one GMO ban away from not being viewed as reliable'

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European farmers are expected to annually harvest 2.2 million metric tons of soybeans in 2016 and 2017, up from 1.8 million metric tons in 2014 and 2015, USDA said.

Even if they succeed, however, that production will still be dwarfed by the 32 million metric tons of soybeans the continent imports annually, the report said.

Much of those imports come from the U.S. and other countries where a majority of commodity crops are genetically engineered.

Meanwhile, the prospect of developing genetically engineered crops suitable for growing in Europe has ground to a

halt, the USDA found.

"Repeated vandalism of test plots by activists, together with the uncertainty and delays of the EU approval process, makes genetic engineering an unattractive investment," the report said.

## Reliable market

While the European Union is a reliable market for U.S. soybeans and corn byproducts, such as distillers dried grains from ethanol production, the situation is precarious, said Mary Boote, executive director of the Global Farmer Network, a pro-trade and pro-GE nonprofit.

"It's a mixed bag," she said. "We're only one GMO ban away from not being

viewed as reliable."

In 2017, for example, Poland is scheduled to prohibit the import of livestock feed produced from biotech crops, according to the USDA.

In the past, though, the ban has been twice delayed because of opposition from the country's livestock industry.

Such potential disruptions create a great deal of uncertainty, since they're politically motivated, said Boote. "That's a tenuous position to be in from a marketing angle."

For biotech critics, the higher price commanded by conventional crops in Europe could inspire more farmers to diversify away from genetically engineered varieties.

"Usually, with the non-GE



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European farmers are eager to feed GMO crops to their livestock, which could be a plus for American farmers.

market, there's somewhat of a price premium," said Doug Gurian-Sherman, director of the Center for Food Safety, a nonprofit critical of biotechnology.

It's unclear whether these

premiums are enough to overcome the labor-saving economic advantages of crops that have been genetically engineered to withstand herbicides and repel insects, he said.

"Is that demand being sat-

isfied, and if not, why?" Gurian-Sherman said.

## Draw a distinction

European consumers appear to draw a distinction between biotech crops used for human food — which must be labeled and are generally resisted by consumers — and livestock feed, which consumers have grudgingly accepted, he said.

Livestock is essentially viewed as a "filter" for biotech crops, so it's unlikely Europe's reliance on biotech feed will translate to growing acceptance of genetically engineered food crops, Gurian-Sherman said.

"It's an interesting conundrum," he said.

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