

Cannon Beach National Night Out breaks record

More than 150 attendees at event aimed to connect police and people

By Brenna Visser
Cannon Beach Gazette

In a record-breaking year, more than 150 people participated in Cannon Beach's 4th annual National Night Out event Tuesday, Aug. 1.

National Night Out is a countrywide event intended to build better relationships between law enforcement and the communities they serve. In Cannon Beach, connecting with the community took shape in the form of a BBQ, firefighter relays and a raffle.

"It's a great way to meet a lot of citizens we don't see on a regular basis, and it's a good way for people to ask us questions they would otherwise feel uncomfortable asking," Cannon Beach Police Chief Jason Schermerhorn said.

He said in past years, most of those questions usually are about how to report noise complaints, threats one might see to an empty vacation house, or pets stuck in vehicles during a hot summer day.

"Answering these types



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Luke Forsberg, right, takes a shot at working a firehose with assistance from members of the Cannon Beach Fire Department as part of the fourth annual National Night Out event. The event in Cannon Beach drew approximately 150 participants and is part of a nationwide effort to foster better relationships between law enforcement and the communities they serve.

of questions adds more eyes and ears for us in the community," he said.

A new aspect of the event was representation from volunteer groups like the Medical Reserve Corps and Community Emergency Response Team. Representatives from both groups had tables with information in the hopes of recruiting more volunteers.

Mick French, a Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetist, joined MRC a year and a half ago after being asked

by the coordinator, he said.

"Being on MRC means being available in a medical crisis — fire, tsunami, tornado, all that. It's all about helping people who can't help themselves," French said.

Currently there are 22 members, but MRC member Susan Oxley said they can "never be big enough."

While events like tsunamis and fires aren't common, having a healthy membership is advantageous in other ways. Oxley said MRC

members have been called on to work five, 12-hour days the weekend the solar eclipse is scheduled to happen.

Because of the expected surge of eclipse tourism, rural counties like Marion and Wheeler look to groups like MRC to help mitigate the spike in medical service demands counties this small usually don't see.

"We are trying to spread the word to recruit medically trained people. The more hands the better," French said.



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Russell Wayne Deviney, center, was sentenced in Clatsop County Circuit Court for the 2015 abduction and sexual assault of a 15-year-old girl from California he met online.

Deviney gets 30 years for rape, sodomy

Abducted the girl in California

By Jack Heffernan
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A Washington state man was sentenced to more than 30 years in prison Wednesday for raping a California girl in 2015 and leaving her in a car in Astoria.

Russell Wayne Deviney, 50, of Everett, Washington, pleaded guilty last week to first-degree rape, first-degree unlawful sexual penetration, first-degree sodomy and using a child in a display of sexually explicit conduct. He originally was also charged with first-degree kidnapping, three counts of first-degree sexual abuse and second counts of the four charges for which he pleaded guilty before eventually reaching a deal with the Clatsop County District Attorney's Office.

Authorities say Deviney abducted the 15-year-old girl in Sanger, California, in May 2015 after posing as an 18-year-old man on Instagram. After fighting with her mother one night, the girl allegedly left her house and entered a 2004 Nissan pickup driven by Deviney, who had encouraged her to do so through the social media app.

"I suffered and was tortured mentally," the girl said in a statement read today

in court by Clatsop County Deputy District Attorney Ron Brown. "No child should have to consider the question, 'How do I kill this guy so I can go free?'"

Deviney, authorities say, drove north without letting the girl leave the car. He raped her at a rest stop somewhere in Oregon and took pictures of her performing sex acts. He then parked at McDonald's in Astoria, which police said was not his final intended destination, and left the girl behind and fled. Police arrested him south of Cannon Beach later that week.

The plea agreement included a presumed sentence ranging from more than eight years to more than 33 years in prison — or exactly 400 months.

Following statements by Brown, the girl, her mother and Sanger Police Detective Romero Garcia, Circuit Court Judge Dawn McIntosh's intentions were clear.

"I just really want to say how sorry I am," Deviney said. "I am a father and I do understand this situation was a bad situation. This situation escalated into something I had never intended."

But McIntosh found the rest of his statement to be too centered on self pity rather than remorse for the victim.

"I'm not going to lecture you because, frankly, I don't think it will make much of a difference," McIntosh said.

Power outage hits Cannon Beach and nearby areas



BRANDY STEWART

Pacific Power substation in Seaside, where a transformer failure led to an outage Tuesday, Aug. 8.

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A power outage hit Warrenton, Seaside and Cannon Beach Tuesday night as a result of a pole fire near a substation in Seaside on Roosevelt Drive behind the outlet mall.

Pacific Power received reports of the outage around 10 p.m. Warrenton returned to power shortly before 11:30 p.m. Cannon Beach returned

to power at 11:37 p.m.

Seaside was the last to return to power at about 12:40 a.m..

"There's no obvious cause," Tom Gauntt, a Pacific Power spokesman, said. "It doesn't look like anyone had a bonfire down there."

He said birds or a chemical reaction after rain may have caused the substation breaker to fail. "It's the same idea as the

breaker box in your garage."

The pole was badly damaged. Crews were "able to work around it and isolated it using different circuits," Gauntt said.

Gauntt said 15,324 customers were without power after the outage.

PUBLIC MEETINGS

Tuesday, Aug. 15

Cannon Beach Public Works Committee, 9 a.m., City Hall, 163 E. Gower St.

Thursday, Aug. 17

Cannon Beach Parks and Community Services Committee, 9 a.m., City Hall, 163 E. Gower St.

Cannon Beach Design Review Board, 6 p.m., City Hall, 163 E. Gower St.

Thursday, Aug. 24

Cannon Beach Planning Commission, 6 p.m., City Hall, 163 E. Gower St.

Friday, Aug. 25

Cannon Beach Emergency Preparedness Committee, 9 a.m., City Hall, 163 E. Gower St.

Tuesday, Sept. 12

Cannon Beach City Council, 7 p.m., regular meeting and work session,

City Hall, 163 E. Gower St.

Tuesday, Sept. 19

Cannon Beach Public Works Committee, 9 a.m., City Hall, 163 E. Gower St.

Thursday, Sept. 21

Cannon Beach Parks and Community Services Committee, 9 a.m., City Hall, 163 E. Gower St.

Cannon Beach Design Review Board, 6 p.m., City Hall, 163 E. Gower St.

Thursday, Sept. 28

Cannon Beach Planning Commission, 6 p.m., City Hall, 163 E. Gower St.

Tuesday, Oct. 3

Cannon Beach City Council, 7 p.m., City Hall, 163 E. Gower St.

Tuesday, Oct. 10

Cannon Beach City Council, 7

p.m., work session, City Hall, 163 E. Gower St.

Tuesday, Oct. 17

Cannon Beach Public Works Committee, 9 a.m., City Hall, 163 E. Gower St.

Thursday, Oct. 19

Cannon Beach Parks and Community Services Committee, 9 a.m., City Hall, 163 E. Gower St.

Cannon Beach Design Review Board Meeting

6 p.m., City Hall, 163 E. Gower St.

Thursday, Oct. 26

Cannon Beach Planning Commission, 6 p.m., City Hall, 163 E. Gower St.

Friday, Oct. 27

Cannon Beach Emergency Preparedness Committee, 9 a.m., City Hall, 163 E. Gower St.

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