

# Memories in the making

## More than 250 attend third annual Daddy Daughter Dance

By Katherine Lacaze  
Seaside Signal

The Seaside Civic and Convention Center hosted an abundance of lively music, dancing and heart-shaped decorations during the Sunset Empire Park & Recreation District's third annual Daddy Daughter Dance.

From the catchy Disney tunes to the multi-colored lights bathing the dance floor, the event, held Feb. 6, was a special opportunity for girls, from infants to young teenagers, to have quality time and make memories with their fathers, grandfathers and other father figures.

Fitness and Special Events Manager Grace Smith said the district finds it important to offer this annual event to local families in the community, as there really is nothing else like it in town. The dance gives them a chance to get dolled up and spend a special night out, where the "girls can feel special and dads can show how much they love their daughters," Smith said.

She added, "The relationship between daughters and fathers is important," especially as the girls are growing from adolescence into adulthood.

More than 250 people attended the event, which has been growing a little every year since it started, Smith said.

Justin Grafton Studios provided a photo booth, so the couples could commemorate the event. DJ Bruce Smith kept the music going throughout the night. Refreshments were provided.

Seaside Factory Outlets, TLC Fibre Federal Credit Union, Sam's Seaside Café, Subway, Lum's Auto Center and Bruce's Candy Kitchen were sponsors for the event.

### Honoring Sgt. Goodding

As the dance was scheduled for less than 24 hours after the death of Seaside Sgt. Jason Goodding, who was killed in the line of duty Feb. 5, the district struggled to determine whether to cancel the event, Executive Director Skylar Archibald and Smith said.

That's one of the challenges of living in a small community — when something tragic happens, "it feels really close and personal," Archibald said at the event. They kept the dance as scheduled and instead found a few ways to honor Goodding's memory and recognize his family, which were well-received by participants, Smith said.

Attendees received tiny blue ribbons to pin to their outfits in remembrance of Goodding, and there was a moment of silence for the officer. The district designated 25 percent of proceeds to go to the Goodding family. Between tickets sales and extra donations, the district raised \$930 for the family.



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Attendees at the third annual Daddy Daughter Dance, held Feb. 6, were given little blue ribbons to pin to their clothes in honor of fallen Seaside Sgt. Jason Goodding, who died Feb. 5.



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Girls dance with their fathers, grandfathers and other father figures at the Sunset Empire Park & Recreation District's third annual Daddy Daughter Dance on Feb. 6 at the Seaside Civic and Convention Center.

## OBITUARIES

### Jason Michael Goodding

June 17, 1976 — Feb. 5, 2016

Jason Michael Goodding, beloved husband, father, brother and son, passed away on Friday, Feb. 5, at the age of 39. Jason was a 13-year veteran of the Seaside Police Department, and was working as a patrol sergeant when he was killed in the line of duty.

Jason will be deeply missed by many, including his high school sweetheart and wife of 16 years, Amy, as well as his pride and joy, his two daughters, Joslyn, 13, and Jayden, 10. He is also survived by his mother and stepfather, Jan Becker and Tom Johnson; his father and stepmother, Dean and Patty Goodding; his sister, Jennifer (Goodding) Hovanic; brothers, Justin Goodding and Doug Hash; and close friend and mentor, Roger Schenk. He will be greatly missed by many nieces and nephews, including: Mac, Kennedy, Wyatt, Lane, Nathan, Desi and Jace. He was preceded in death by his beloved "Granny," Jean Wilson.

Jason was born in Portland, Oregon, on June 17, 1976. He moved around frequently early in his life, including time spent in Hawaii and California. He arrived in the small, tight-knit community of Sherwood, Oregon, in the eighth grade, a tan, scrappy, quick-witted point guard, flashing his unforgettable smile and making lifelong friends along the way.

A natural at basketball, he also played football and baseball, maturing into an even-keeled, unflappable leader. But perhaps the most important thing to happen in Sherwood was the day he met a girl named Amy Jones. She was the Homecoming Queen, he was her escort. And the rest, as the fairy tale goes, was history.

After graduating from Portland State University,



Jason Goodding

Jason began his lifelong path as a mentor and leader in his community. He was the head basketball coach at Southridge High School in Beaverton, assistant coach at Tigard High School and Sherwood Middle School, and coached at schools throughout Seaside.

As a police officer, he was a favorite among his peers and the citizens of Seaside. He didn't just respond to a burglary call, he stayed until the homeowner felt safe. He walked up to kids on the street with his wide, warm smile and listened to what they had to say. He was in life, as he was as an officer: honest, fair and kind.

Although Jason was deeply entrenched in his community, he made the drive to Eugene as often as possible to watch Oregon football games. But it was his family that made him happiest. Teaching the girls to play basketball, and watching them become leaders on the court, was a tremendous source of joy and pride.

Jason will be tremendously missed by all who knew him.

Funeral services were held Friday, Feb. 12, at 1 p.m. at the Seaside Convention Center.

Hughes-Ransom Mortuary is in charge of the arrangements. An online guest book may be signed at [www.hughes-ransom.com](http://www.hughes-ransom.com)

## LETTERS

### In honor of Officer Jason Goodding

To the family, friends and citizens of Seaside. It is with deepest sorrow and sadness we grieve with all of you the tragic death of Police Sgt. Jason Goodding.

For most of the past 30 years, we have met in January in brotherhood and harmony in your beautiful city. The goodwill and kindness we have received from your community is beyond compare.

All the member of QCED (Quartet Champions of the Evergreen District of the Barber-shop Harmony Society) will be lifting our voices in song to honor officer Goodding.

Jerry Harrison  
Wilsonville

### Pushy

I am always happy to give my opinion on most subjects,

and actually enjoy participating in phone surveys when time permits. When answering a recorded voice survey recently however, I was disturbed by the rush of answering complex questions on a subject little-known to most, but addressed so eloquently by Roger Dorband ("Economic terrorism," *The Daily Astorian*, Jan 29).

Our Clatsop County Commission is being asked to join the Linn County lawsuit to basically change the ratio of chopping down our forests, among other things, for a perceived lack of money due Linn County. I raised this Linn County lawsuit issue at a recent county commission meeting, so I knew a little about it, but I felt as though I could not push the buttons on my phone fast enough to keep up with the recorded confusing questions and answers.

Among the many questions asked: Should the Clatsop County Commissioners join the Linn County lawsuit? Had I ever voted against a school bond? Did I feel my taxes were being used in a fair manner? Well, you get the idea.

"Of course!" I shouted when a friend, hearing my exasperated rehash of the call, reminded me this type of phone survey is really a push poll. And, one of the kinder definitions: an opinion poll done with loaded questions or offering negative information to sway the opinions of those polled.

So now you are forewarned. How we maintain our forests is a very important issue. I urge you to discuss entering into this lawsuit with your county commissioner as soon as possible.

By the way, in case you get a call, the caller ID number is 503-111-1122. And good luck.

Nancy Holmes  
Seaside

## Calligraphy show at library

The Seaside Public Library presents an exhibition of calligraphy by local calligraphers Kay Aya, Bev Gilbertson, Rebecca Read, and John Rippey. The show will be in the community room and foyer and hangs from March 8 through April 26.

The Seaside Public Library is located at 1131 Broadway. For more information, call 503-738-6742 or visit [seasidepubliclibrary.org](http://seasidepubliclibrary.org).

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