

Local officers spread holiday cheer

Cannon Beach, Seaside officers participate in Seaside Rotary event

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Donning Santa hats, 10 police officers from Seaside and Cannon Beach paired with local children to help them shop for Christmas gifts at Fred Meyer in Warrenton.

The Dec. 10 event was the Rotary Club of Seaside's first time adopting the nationwide "Shop With a Cop" program that connects local police officers with children.

"It was an absolutely wonderful event," said organizer Maureen Casterline. "The kids had a great time and the police had an equally good time."

After the loss of Seaside Sgt. Jason Gooding earlier this year, the Rotary Club searched for a way to help build relationships and appreciation for their local police force.

"We put our heads together and this is what we came up with," Casterline said. "We think of



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Cannon Beach police officers Josh Gregory, Lt. Chris Wilbur, James Jordan, Chief Jason Schermerhorn, Jodi Symonds and Matthew Nunnally participate in the Shop With a Cop program.

it as a small step."

The Rotary Club provided the children with gift cards to purchase presents for family members at Fred Meyer. Officers also purchased a gift for each child and drove them back to Seaside in the squad cars.

"It was a lot of fun to see the children so excited to ride in the police cars and activate the lights and sirens," Cannon Beach Police Chief Jason Schermerhorn said. "They were also so happy to

be able to buy items for their parents and siblings. It was fun watching them shop for great deals and put a lot of thought into their purchases."

Broadway Middle School helped identify 10 students who might benefit from the experience.

After the event, the children started referring to the officers as "my police officers," Casterline said. "Sometimes that relationship-building piece takes a bit of a commitment, but the kids will now think of police officers as someone who could help them if they needed help."

At breakfast provided by the Seaside Pig 'N Pancake, the children and officers got to know each other and learned about each other's lives. Casterline said the event would not have happened without community support.

"We're grateful for Pig 'N Pancake because that made it so much more comfortable for the children. Fred Meyer made a wonderful donation to make this program happen and offered discounts," Casterline said. "Police officers bought kids items out of their own pockets and are really trying to bridge the gap. It made me so proud of the caliber of the police officers in our community. They are just extraordinary."

Break-ins, thefts from parked cars

A string of car break-ins has brought a request for assistance from the Clatsop County Sheriff's Office. Along with Astoria, Warrenton, Gearhart, Seaside and Cannon Beach police, the sheriff's office is asking for assistance after break-ins and thefts from cars parked in driveways throughout Clatsop County.

Since Christmas Eve, more than 30 break-ins occurred in the Knappa/Svensen areas through rural Warrenton. The cities of Astoria, Warrenton, and Seaside were also hit with several thefts from vehicles. In all but a few isolated cases, the vehicles were left unlocked and in darkened driveways.

In some of these cases, rifles, pistols, binoculars, spotting scopes, expensive electronics, wallets, Christmas presents, and hundreds of dollars in cash were left in plain view, and in unlocked vehicles.

The Clatsop County Sheriff's Office can be contacted at 503-325-8635; ask for Sgt. Jason Hoover or Resident Deputy Nate Baldwin.

SEASIDE POLICE LOG

Dec. 16
1:21 p.m., Spruce Street: Police give advice regarding a court ordered parenting agreement.

2:27 p.m., 700 block Downing Street: A man called to report another man he thought might be holding a gun. The subject neither pointed or brandished the presumed weapon, and the caller could not give a good description of the subject before they hung up on the police dispatch. Police arriving in the area could not find anyone with a gun.

Dec. 17
10:17 a.m., 2000 block S. Roosevelt: Caller reports someone attempting to get change with what the caller believed to be a fake \$100 bill. Police respond to say the bill was real.

10:38 a.m., Avenue A: Caller reports youths throwing snowballs. Police responding say no snowball throwers were around.

5:49 p.m., 2000 block Mill-creek Road: Police respond to a report of an intoxicated man attempting to breach a locked door. The man is known, on occasion, to stay at this address.

7:20 p.m., Columbia and Avenue I: An assault was committed.

Dec. 18
10:28 a.m., 300 block S. Roosevelt: Caller reports what he believes is a dead man in a car.

Then the man woke up. Police determine the man was resting while his wife shopped.

5:40 p.m., 400 block 2nd Street: Caller reports his 13-year-old daughter missing as they moved from one residence to another. Police determine the girl had fallen asleep in the vacated residence.

Dec. 19
11:33 a.m., Roosevelt: Caller reports a woman distraught over her missing husband and child. Police contact husband and determine this to be a civil matter and turn the case over to another agency.

3:31 p.m., 1300 block N. Holladay: Caller reports a missing person who returned on their own before police arrival.

Dec. 20
12:30 p.m., Highway 101 and Avenue U: Caller reports a possible intoxicated driver; police locate described vehicle parked at The Cove. The driver was not intoxicated but admitted to looking at paperwork while driving. The driver was warned of distracted driving.

2:50 p.m., 400 block S. Roosevelt: Caller reports a rude panhandler hollering at people. Police contact subject who admits having a verbal confrontation with someone who was probably the caller.

Dec. 21
7:54 a.m., 400 block S. Holla-

day: A dog that was lost was returned to its owner.

10:20 a.m., Broadway and Columbia: Police responding to a report of a child sitting alone on a curb, appearing cold, are unable to locate the described child.

12:42 p.m., 1200 block S. Wahanna: Manager of a building reports paranormal activity occurring in a vacant room.

4:31 p.m., Seaside police department: A person comes in to register as a sex offender.

Dec. 22
2:33 a.m., 2500 block S. Roosevelt: Police respond to a report of a deceased person. No further information was available.

12:08 p.m., 1100 block Avenue A: Police respond to a report of a man yelling his child was missing. The child was subsequently found in the residence, hiding under a sofa.

1:39 p.m., 1400 block S. Wahanna: A man lying by the roadway was advised by police to not lie down there.

Dec. 23
10:19 a.m., 800 block S. Holladay: A property manager reports that one of his tenants is threatening a neighbor.

2:29 p.m., 400 block 1st Avenue: Police arrest and charge a subject with disorderly conduct after he resists arrest.

Dec. 24
3:13 a.m., 1300 block 2nd Avenue: Caller reports an unknown person passed out on their couch, seemingly intoxicated. Police responded, Medix was summoned. The person whose couch it was chose not to press trespass charges. Due to a perceived high level of intoxication, the person was transported to the hospital for evaluation.

6:24 p.m., 400 block S. Holladay: A lady who accidentally locked herself out of an apartment with two young children inside was assisted by police to regain entry to the unit.

Dec. 25
12:33 p.m., 10th Avenue: Police respond to a report of a barefoot man wearing a bathrobe walking on the street. The man tells police he is fine and he prefers going barefoot because it is "meditative."

6:16 p.m., Ninth and N. Holladay: A woman tells police that her "male half" man is acting crazy. Both parties were contacted and advised of options of how to behave and get along better.

6:47 p.m., Ninth and N. Holladay: The woman who said her

man was acting crazy called 911 to say he had kicked her out of the trailer. Police advise her of misuse of 911.

Dec. 26
1:52 p.m., Avenue A: Caller reports a man searching inside a car in a parking garage. The man tells police he is searching for his lost umbrella. No crime was committed.

8:58 p.m., 700 block S. Wahanna: A man put on a mandatory hold at the hospital left the hospital. Police located him and returned him to his room.

10:27 p.m., 1300 block 2nd Avenue: A woman who said she hadn't heard from her mother in over a week requested a welfare check on the woman. Police spoke with the mother and advised her of the daughter's concern.

Dec. 27
2:54 p.m., 800 block 11th Avenue: Police respond to a report of a deceased person. No further information was given.

7:07 p.m., 9th and Roosevelt: A woman who said she smelled marijuana coming from a moving car with a broken headlight resulted in police searching for the vehicle. They could not locate.

10:32 p.m., 800 block S. Holladay: Caller reports that kids nearby are bouncing off the walls. Police attempt to contact the adjacent residence but no further sounds are heard, and no one answered the door.

Dec. 28
2:03 a.m., N. Wahanna: Caller reports someone trying their doorknob, attempting entrance. Police searching the area found nothing suspicious.

4:28 p.m., Highway 101 and Java Reef: Caller reports large number of elk attempting to cross the road. The elk successfully navigated their crossing before police arrived.

9:30 p.m., North Y: Police assist with stopped traffic as elk herd cross the road.

Dec. 29
1:37 p.m., 200 block S. Columbia: Police respond to a report of a man talking to himself and asking people to give him money so he could burn it. Police are unable to locate the subject described.

3:48 p.m., 700 block Avenue B: A woman who had been told an hour earlier to not misuse 911 called again and was issued a citation for misuse of an emergency number.

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