

Schermerhorn receives top Scout mentoring award

Cannon Beach Police Chief Jason Schermerhorn was presented the prestigious Silver Beaver volunteerism award on Feb. 23 at a special recognition ceremony in their honor.

The Silver Beaver Award is the top award a local Boy Scout council can bestow upon a volunteer mentor. Recipients are selected by confidential nominations of adult peers and only one award may be presented for every 60 troops.

As well as serving as chief, Schermerhorn is an adult leader in the Fort Clatsop District. In 2010 he became a den leader for Pack 540 and in 2012, he became the assistant Cubmaster and he remained in that position for three years.

In 2015, Schermerhorn moved on to become an assistant scoutmaster for Troop 642. From 2011-13 he served as a day camp range director for the Fort Clatsop Day

Camp where he recruited fellow police officers to help run the range. He has also been serving as South County Scouting for Food chairman since 2013.

In 2011, Schermerhorn was the recipient of the Byron Award in Seaside which is presented each year to a member of the Seaside community who has demonstrated outstanding qualities in community service. He was also awarded the Fort Clatsop District Award of Merit for 2016. Schermerhorn served on the board of directors including as vice chairman and chairman of The Harbor of Clatsop County which supports victims of domestic violence. Schermerhorn has been a volunteer for the Seaside Fire Department for more than 11 years.

Schermerhorn also volunteers on the Helping Hands board which serves the homeless population trying to reenter society in Clatsop, Tillamook, and Columbia counties. This year Schermerhorn is also teaching the course "Introduction to Criminal Justice" at Clatsop Community College.



Jason Schermerhorn

Sperm whale washes ashore near the Peter Iredale in Warrenton

Seaside Signal

WARRENTON — A 36-foot sperm whale carcass washed ashore Monday, March 6, near the Peter Iredale shipwreck in Fort Stevens State Park.

According to the Seaside Aquarium, the carcass was first sighted floating a few miles off the coast of Newport Thursday, March 2. Strong northerly currents pushed it farther north, where it was later spotted 4 miles west of Camp Rilea Sunday by the U.S. Coast Guard.

At about 10 a.m. on March 6, the carcass washed ashore approximately 2 miles north of the Peter Iredale shipwreck.

Aquarium staff took measurements, but the carcass was very decomposed. State parks employees helped remove the whale's lower jaw, which will be transferred to Portland State University.

The rest of the carcass will remain on the beach to naturally decompose, allowing



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Birds atop a whale carcass that washed ashore in Warrenton Monday, March 6.

shorebirds and raptors a feast.

"Leaving the carcass on the beach is really good for the beach ecosystem," a release from the aquarium said.

"In the small time we were there we witnessed bald eagles, western gulls, ravens, and even a small white-faced storm petrel scavenging on

the carcass." According to the aquarium, the last sperm whale to wash ashore on the northern Oregon Coast was in 2012.

SEASIDE POLICE LOG

Feb. 27
5:12 p.m., 1600 block Broadway: An individual wanted by police was arrested on a warrant.

6:33 p.m., 500 block N. Elm: A disturbance was reported. Officers assisted on scene of a medical mental health crisis.

Feb. 28
12:03 a.m., 1700 block Spruce Drive: A reported disturbance was deemed a civil matter.

2:06 a.m., 1700 block Spruce Drive: A disturbance was reported.

9:53 a.m., N. Prom: Police respond to a report of a woman threatening self-harm. The subject checked out of their hotel and was gone prior to police arrival. Hotel staff were unable

to give a description of the vehicle she left in. Police were unable to locate.

11:53 a.m., 800 block 7th Avenue: An old black Labrador retriever known to neighbors was seen wandering at large. The gate to its home was open, as well as the front door. The dog returned home of its own accord shortly before police arrived.

6:49 p.m., Oceanway: Police respond to a report of a minivan with four young children alone inside. The vehicle was gone before police arrival.

March 1
12:12 p.m., 200 block Broadway: A Warrenton resident wanted Seaside police to be aware of a situation involving another Warrenton resident.

The reporting caller said she had been arrested for assaulting the other woman; she wanted Seaside police to be aware the victim is working two businesses down the street away from where the caller works in Seaside. Police say the matter has yet to go to trial; no restraining order is in place at this time.

2:32 p.m., 1900 block N. Holladay: A missing person was reported.

5:02 p.m., 100 block Avenue E: Caller requests welfare check on 2 students who failed to show up at school for 10 days. Officers located the children's grandparent who said his son and grandchildren were evicted from their residence a few days prior. The complainant

was advised.

March 2
12:39 a.m., 1000 block 12th Avenue: A man who resisted arrested when accosted by officers was arrested on an outstanding warrant.

10:56 a.m., 1800 block Broadway: A landlord reported a former tenant damaged property belonging to the landlord.

12:30 p.m., Truckees and Avenue V: Police are asked to assist another agency regarding a subject driving a black Suzuki S.U.V., reported possibly high on drugs.

March 3
12:45 p.m., 1100 7th Avenue: Police respond to a report of a cowbell belonging to a neighbor making a loud noise. The

cowbell is hanging outside. Neighbor agrees to remove the cowbell for the night.

9:27 a.m., 1100 N. Holladay: An assault in the 4th degree was reported.

5:39 p.m., 2100 S. Franklin: Police are summoned regarding a verbal dispute between neighbors.

March 4
3:10 a.m., Beach and Ocean Vista Drive: Police respond to a welfare check for a resident who is advised of options but deemed to be fine.

6:56 a.m., Spruce Drive: Police respond to a report of a possible pet poisoning. Report turns out to be unfounded.

10:00 a.m., 2100 block S. Franklin: A report of a wom-

an threatening self-harm is unfounded.

March 5
12:41 a.m., Marion Avenue, Gearhart: Seaside police assist other agency on a call.

5:43 p.m., 2100 block S. Franklin: A disturbance is reported.

6:37 p.m., 1200 block S. Wahanna: Gearhart police assist Seaside police regarding a possibly suicidal subject. Subject was not home. Numerous locations were scouted with negative results.

9:53 p.m., Wahanna and Spruce: Caller reports subject chasing neighbor who was earlier reported as suicidal. Officers contact the woman who said she is not suicidal but will call back if that status changes.

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