

Seaside students instrumental in tourney

Students keep memory of Goodding alive

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Friends of fallen Seaside Police Sgt. Jason Goodding remember him as someone who wanted to be an educator and guide those in need of edification, whether it be a child he was coaching or a person at odds with the law. They also remember him as a keen cornhole player.

With that in mind, nothing seemed more fitting than establishing a memorial scholarship in his name and then hosting a cornhole tournament to raise funds for it.

The second annual Jason M. Goodding Memorial Cornhole Tournament Fundraiser will start at 11:30 a.m. June 17 at the Seaside Elks Lodge on Avenue A. The event is open to people of all ages. Even those who don't wish to participate in the tournament are encouraged to socialize and have fun in memory of Goodding.

Preserving Goodding's legacy

A few months after Goodding was shot and killed in the line of duty in February 2016, his two friends Steve Kuhl, who once worked as a Seaside police officer, and Jeff Roberts, the current principal at Seaside High School, decided to establish a new scholarship for a Seaside student. They needed to raise \$25,000 to sustain the \$1,000-per-year scholarship long-term through Seaside Scholarships Inc., a nonprofit foundation.

Next, Kuhl and Roberts put together a memorial fundraiser, bypassing the more traditional golf game in favor of an activity Goodding preferred.

"Jason loved playing cornhole," said Kuhl, who now works as a firefighter in Portland. "When we would go to the Ducks games, during tailgate parties, he'd have the cornhole boards out. ... It was just something he liked to do."

The event was a simultaneously somber and celebratory affair. Those in attendance commiserated together and also enjoyed the camaraderie. Because the fundraiser was



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Community members play cornhole during last year's Jason M. Goodding Memorial Cornhole Tournament Fundraiser, held at the Seaside Elks Lodge. This year's event will start at 11:30 a.m. June 17.

primarily advertised through word of mouth last year, Kuhl said, "you had to know Jason to show up."

"It was good for everyone to come together to remember Jason and do something he liked to do," he added. "It was unfortunate why we all got together, but it was a good day."

During the fundraiser, they raised a little more than \$10,000. Throughout the summer, businesses and individuals continued to donate, helping them reach the \$25,000 mark they were shooting for so "a Seaside senior will always have

a scholarship in Jason's name," Kuhl said.

For the 2015-16 school year, Morgan Matthews was awarded the scholarship. It is intended for a student pursuing a college degree in criminal justice or education.

The committee behind the scholarship — which has grown to include Seaside Police Chief Dave Ham and Paul Tice, general manager at Gearhart By the Sea — have set new goals "to keep this thing going," Kuhl said. They want to turn it into a four-year scholarship, so recipients would get \$1,000 each

year during college as long as they satisfied certain criteria. In that scenario, Kuhl said, they would distribute \$1,000 each to a graduate, as well as a college sophomore, junior and senior, every school year.

2017 event details

For this year's tournament, the committee is working more actively to spread the word. They also have secured the service of Seaside juniors Skyler Yoshino and Michael Bailey, who are volunteering for their senior Pacifica Projects and also as "a way to help carry on Jason's legacy, and what he stood for as a person," Yoshino said. He and Bailey met Goodding a couple times, but not enough "to actually develop a super strong personal connection," Yoshino said, adding, "He influenced lots of people in the community I believe. He did everything in his power to help others, and whatever he could to better both himself and the community."

Kuhl agreed. "Jason always just wanted to help people better themselves," he said. "Time is the biggest thing anybody can give, and he always gave his

time for people." Yoshino and Bailey are helping to market the event and obtain media coverage. They also are organizing children's activities for the event.

The fundraiser will mirror how it was run last year. The event will have a two-person, double elimination cornhole tournament run by Cheyenne Scrivner with the National Cornhole League. The prize for winning is a chartered salmon fishing trip, valued at about \$600. The atmosphere is not overly competitive, Kuhl said, and "it's open to everybody and anybody."

There also will be live music by the band Fifth Alarm, which is comprised of five Portland firefighters; food; a beer garden; and raffle and silent auction for prizes including trip and athletic packages, rounds of golf and gift cards to restaurants.

Pre-registration, which is encouraged, is available online through the event Facebook page, Jason M. Goodding Memorial Cornhole Tournament. Individuals also can register at the door. The cost for a two-person team is \$100. All-day admission to the event is \$5.

POLICE LOG

May 19
1:17 a.m., 1900 block Spruce Street: Noisy neighbors said to be yelling and playing loud music are complained about by another neighbor. Police responding advise the complained-upon of the complaint.

1:50 a.m., 1st Avenue: Someone having a smoke in their hotel room set off an alarm resulting in a visit by the fire department. No fire was found.

8:01 a.m., 3rd Avenue and Ocean Shore: Police advise tourists they cannot camp on the beach after observing them sleeping in tents on the sand. The people said they had just arrived to the area and thought it was ok. They were advised otherwise.

11:13 a.m., Police Department: A person comes in to register as a sex offender.

1:03 p.m., N. Downing: Subjects are warned that if they continue to behave in the manner that was reported, the whole group will be charged with disorderly conduct.

3:18 p.m., Avenue G and The Bridge: Subjects in possession of alcohol are warned of disorderly conduct.

4:51 p.m., 1100 block Broadway: A missing person is reported.

11:11 p.m., Highway 101 and Sunrise Ridge Road: Seaside police assist another agency

at the site of a Gearhart motor vehicle crash.

May 20
1:55 a.m., S. Wahanna: A missing person is reported.

12:06 p.m., 1200 block Avenue F: Police return a second time following a report of a neighbor playing loud music. The complained-on person told police the first time they would turn it down, but then turned it louder. Officers say the person was belligerent. After a lengthy conversation with the police, the person agreed to turn it down and keep it down.

3:25 p.m., 400 block Broadway: Officers respond to repeated complaints from business owners in the area regarding subjects going through garbage and littering the area with hypodermic drug paraphernalia. Officers remove sharps from the area.

May 21
2:18 p.m., N. Prom: A child reported missing was subsequently found.

3:12 p.m., Broadway Park: A child engaged in criminal mischief was turned over to his parents.

6:53 p.m., Avenue G and The Prom: Police respond to a report of one group of youths chasing and antagonizing another. Police contact subjects who say they were just horsing around. All parties are warned to tone it down.

7:07 p.m., 12th Avenue and The Prom: Police warn subjects who are on the beach hitting golf balls into the ocean, striking people and cursing at them. Police advise the party of a local ordinance prohibiting striking golf balls into the ocean.

10:42 p.m., 1600 block N. Roosevelt: Three bicycles are reported missing, two men's cruisers (one bright blue, the other red and white) and a woman's green Schwinn.

May 22
9:27 a.m., Beach and Avenue K: Subjects are warned of unlawful lodging.

11:25 a.m., 1100 block N. Roosevelt: Police are advised of a confused girl; police contact her parent. Girl is fine.

11:40 a.m., 400 block 12th Avenue: Caller requests welfare check on a possibly suicidal person. Subject is contacted and says they are fine. The caller/complainant is advised.

12:50 p.m., 1700 block 12th Avenue: A disturbance is reported.

2:51 p.m., Broadway: Caller reports a dog locked in a car panting heavily. The car and the dog were gone prior to police arrival.

6:44 p.m., 700 block Avenue H: Caller reports a possibly intoxicated person at the liquor store. Caller calls back soon after to say the person had suffered a

stroke. Both parties were gone prior to police arrival. Police search for described vehicle but are unable to locate.

9:30 p.m., 1200 block S. Columbia: A big sinkhole is reported in the roadway. Officers place orange cones around it; public works are advised.

May 23
8:57 a.m., Holladay and 2nd Avenue: A person is arrested on a warrant.

11:17 a.m., 1900 block N. Holladay: Property crimes are reported.

6:37 p.m., 1st Avenue: Man came into police station to report his wife missing. While he was speaking to an officer, his wife called to say she was ill on the highway returning from Portland.

May 24
8:11 a.m., 1400 block S. Roosevelt: An anonymous caller reports the sound of a woman moaning in pain. Police contact subjects who were engaged in a consensual adult activity. Subjects are advised of the complaint.

10:34 a.m., Pizza Palace, Highway 101: Ongoing complaint of noise, vehicular horns honking from highway near Pizza Palace, while male stands and waves to approaching traffic. Request by complainant is that the waving male move further south to prevent noise associated with his activity. Officer contacted spouse of the waving male and advised her of the complaint and request for her husband to move his location. The spouse said she would talk with her

husband and have him move or wait until after noon to begin his activity. Officer contacted the complainant and advised of the contact and request passed along to the spouse.

9:36 p.m., Beach and Tolavanna: Officers assist in search for a possibly suicidal person.

May 25
11:59 a.m., 1100 block N. Roosevelt: A motor vehicle hit and run is reported.

5:53 p.m., 1200 block Avenue B: Property crimes are reported.

May 26
4:41 p.m., Avenue G: A person is arrested in possession of methamphetamine.

6:46 p.m., 1100 block S. Wahanna: A person is arrested for being in violation of a restraining order.

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