

Seaside Police join in Tip-a-Cop to support the Special Olympics

Officers work with servers at Mo's Restaurant

By Brenna Visser
Seaside Signal

For one night only, people at Mo's Restaurant got their cup of chowder served by the police officers of Cannon Beach and Seaside.

Police officers shadowed the servers of the seafood restaurant Thursday, Nov. 16, for the second annual Tip-a-Cop, an event that raises money for local and regional Special Olympics programs.

Special Olympians from Clatsop County also worked beside the police officers, acting as hosts and greeters. After getting drinks and taking orders, part of the job for the officer was to ask for extra tips to support the program.

The fundraiser started in the county two years ago after Cannon Beach Police Chief Jason Schermerhorn talked with a representative from the Special Olympics at a police chief's conference. A phone call and two emails later, Mo's Restaurant was on board and officers had Mo's hats on their heads and cups of clam chowder in their hands.

"Doing this is just another way to be involved in the community," Schermerhorn said. "It brings light to the Special Olympics. Sometimes I think people here don't know we have athletes here, and it's nice to highlight their stories."

Special Olympics Oregon provides year-round sports training and athletic competi-



Above, Special Olympians Cheyenne Valenzuela and Selah Bryce work as hosts at Mo's Restaurant as a part of the Tip-a-Cop fundraiser for the Special Olympics. Left, Cannon Beach police officer James Jordan jokes with Rose Smith, a server at Mo's Restaurant, and diner Susan Settje as a part of the Tip-a-Cop fundraiser for the Special Olympics.

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tion in a variety of Olympic-type sports for children, youth and adults living with intellectual disabilities, said Adam Kau, the director of programs at Special Olympics Oregon.

Kau said the statewide fundraiser has already raised \$90,000 so far, with more expected to come in.

"The contribution is enormous. All the proceeds pay for the buses the athletes can take to competitions, uniforms, programs and the overall athlete experience," Kau said.

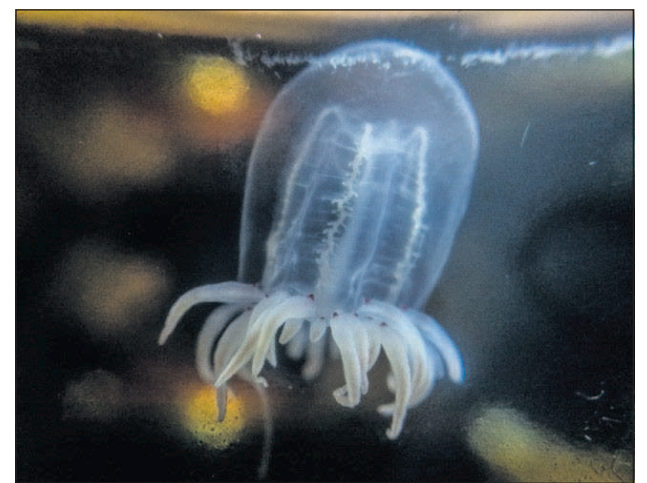
There are about 100 Special Olympians in Clatsop County. Steve McAloney, who was at the event as support while his son greeted people at the front, said they became involved a few years back. He started as a parent who would drop off his son at basketball practice. Eventually, he became passionate enough to become the regional coordinator for the county.

"For most of these athletes, the chance of competing on a high school sports team is slim," McAloney said. "It

keeps these kids physically fit, sure, but also they make so many friends through this. And so many are gifted athletes — you just have to give them the right environment. These kids are some of the hardest workers you could ask for."

To show how hard she worked, Selah Bryce wore all of her medals around her neck as she walked patrons to their tables.

"I do aquatics and track. I've won a lot," she said with a smile.



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Red-eyed medusa

Exotic sea creatures found in Seaside

By R.J. Marx
Seaside Signal

The Seaside Aquarium made some unusual finds over the past several days, including a triple-sail Velella velella and a red-eyed medusa jellyfish.

Velella velella can create a "blue tide" when beaches are strewn with an aquamarine layer of jelly-like organisms. While associated with spring and summer, if close to shore they can come in anytime the wind blows out of the West, Tiffany Boothe of the Sea-

side Aquarium said. Red-eyed medusas are a small species of local jellyfish that wash ashore from time to time, she added. The animals are now under the care of the aquarium, and "doing quite well."

As far as future finds? Keep scanning the beach.

"Fall and winter are one of the best times to beachcomb," Boothe said. "Large surf combined with west wind brings in a lot of interesting things. Keep an eye out for salps, pyrosomes, bull kelp and various types of jellyfish."

Pyrosomes are back again

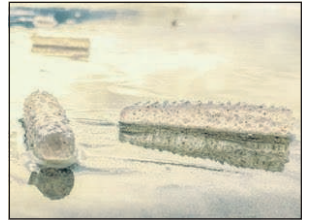
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The Seaside Aquarium reported the arrival of a familiar visitor: Pyrosome atlanticum, a pelagic colonial tunicate.

The sea creature, usually found in temperate waters, has been washing ashore on Oregon's beaches. This colony of animals moves through the water column by the means of cilia. Pyrosomes filter plankton out of the water for food and are known for bright displays of bioluminescence.

Fishermen compare them to pickles, gummy bears and sea cucumbers.

Their scientific name is derived from the Greek



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Pyrosomes are once again washing up on Seaside's beaches.

words pyro meaning "fire" and soma meaning "body." It's one of the few pyrosomes that make it to the west coast of the U.S., much less Oregon's waters. Largely colorless once stranded on shore, they can show up as pink, grayish or purple-green.

Ranger finds sea turtle on Columbia River Beach



TIFFANY BOOTHE/SEASIDE AQUARIUM

This sea turtle found by a Fort Stevens ranger was transported to Oregon State Aquarium for rehabilitation.

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A 20 to 30 pound live juvenile green sea turtle was found Sunday morning by a beach ranger from Fort Stevens State Park on the Columbia River Beach.

"When we arrived the turtle was quite active, which is a good sign," Tiffany Boothe of the Seaside Aquarium said. "But knowing that this poor turtle went through the

Columbia River Bar and the fact that it's shell looked pretty beat up, we knew that if this turtle had any chance of survival it would be a rough road.

The turtle was transported down to the Oregon Coast Aquarium, one of two licensed rehabilitation facilities in the Pacific Northwest for sea turtles, the other being Seattle Aquarium which is currently rehabbing a turtle found

in early October on the central Oregon coast.

The Oregon Coast Aquarium is also in the midst of rehabbing an Olive Ridley sea turtle found in Illawco on Nov 23.

OBITUARIES



David H. Burns Terrebonne

Sept. 24, 1941 — Nov. 20, 2017

David H. Burns of Terrebonne, Oregon, passed away Nov. 20, 2017, following a courageous battle against ALS. He was 76.

Born in South Bend, Washington, on Sept. 24, 1941, David moved several times as a boy, spending time in Minnesota and North Dakota, before he ended up living in Oregon logging camps as a teen. He graduated from Forest Grove High School.

David was a U.S. Navy sonar technician during the Vietnam era. Upon his discharge, he continued his education at Portland Community College and Portland State University. He later became a correspondent for the Oregon Journal newspaper.

He and his family lived many years on the Oregon coast in Seaside and Cannon Beach, and he and his wife, Susie, were business owners in Astoria during the early 1980s. In the 1990s, David was the co-manager of Osburn's Grocery & Deli in Cannon

Beach. He later became an award-winning real estate agent in Clatsop County. David was a published novelist as well; he spent his entire life writing, and was an avid reader.



David Burns

He is survived by his loving wife and life mate of 48 years, Susie; their two daughters, Lisa Burns Palmer (Aaron) and Jami Burns Barker (Scott); two grandchildren, Sophie Elle Palmer and Henry David Palmer; a sister, Darlene Winnett (Bill) of Gilbert, Arizona; a brother, James "Bud" Burns (Donna) of Hillsboro, Oregon; as well as nieces and nephews.

David was a beloved member of his church and community, and will be deeply missed by his family and all who had the honor of knowing him.

A memorial service is scheduled for Dec. 9, 2017, at 3 p.m., at Redmond Christian Church.

A memorial website can be found at <https://tinyurl.com/DHBurns>

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