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LOCAL NEWS



Members of the rank and file of Vancouver's Police Department prove that women officers are awesome.

Awesome Women Cops

Girl's story sparks outreach by female officers

The story of a 4-year-old girl from Clark County who wanted a police SWAT costume for Halloween but found the uniforms were only being marketed to boys got the experience of a lifetime and an outpour of support after her mom shared her child's disappointment on social media.

After hearing about Kinley Goertler's story, Portland Police Officers Raelynn

McKay and Rashida Saunders met with the young girl last week at the Central Precinct in downtown Portland and showed her how a police car worked, including the lights, sirens, and other equipment.

In addition, deciding there might be other girls like her who would want to meet adult women in law enforcement and see a possible career future for themselves, the Van-

couver Police Department is reaching out to girls of all ages for a "Girl Cops are Awesome" event.

The outreach will be held Wednesday, Sept. 9 from 3:30 p.m. to 5 p.m. at Vancouver's East Precinct at 520 S.W. 155th Ave. Girls can also meet the inspiration behind the event, Kinley Goertler, who will attend as a special guest.

Sickle Cell Walkathon Saturday

The Sickle Cell Anemia Foundation of Oregon will host its third annual walkathon Saturday, Sept. 12 in northeast Portland.

The walk is imperative to fundraising for an organization that fights a unique disease that predominantly affects people of African descent around the

world, commonly known as sickle cell anemia. The genetic disorder occurs relatively rarely, but is chronic, cannot be cured, and can lead to extreme pain, blindness, and even death if left undiagnosed and untreated. The disease comes from a genetic trait that keeps many African-descended people im-

mune to strings of malaria, but can, in the right conditions, mean that the carrier does not have enough healthy red blood cells to carry sufficient oxygen throughout the body.

The walk is a chance to learn more about the disease

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