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Students, staff join forces to aid beloved teacher

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Three thousand five hundred dollars was raised Sept. 13, during a rummage sale established to raise funds for Hannah Wiley, health/P.E. teacher, who is currently fighting cancer. The rummage sale was organized by Stephanie D'Agostino, former health teacher and a close friend of Wiley, in order to offset various costs for Wiley's treatment and amenities.

"It is really important that if you have the ability to help, that you do. This is a great opportunity to show who the West Linn staff, community and students really are. It's nice to see," said Dearborn, science teacher, said. Dearborn was in charge of organizing the volunteers for the fund raiser, as it took many volunteers to make the sale happen smoothly. D'Agostino was the point person, and over 25 volunteers helped out.

Teachers, students, football players and community members made up a large

underwent a bone marrow transplant which completely eliminated her immune

not covered by her health insurance. Part of the money raised from the rummage sale will go toward that cost.

"She does not want to be defined by her disease," Ibarra, Wiley's long term substitute and close friend, said. After teaching for 30 years, Ibarra said that she was done teaching when she retired last year, but offered to sub for Wiley when she was diagnosed, last year.

"Ideally, (Wiley) will be back Oct. 16, which will be the end of her 100 days of recovery following her bone marrow transplant," Ibarra said. After battling a virus that only affects those with extremely weak immune systems for nearly a month, she returned to the hospital and received IV fluids. Even when she returns, according to Ibarra, she will probably only be back part time, in the afternoon, and Ibarra will continue to cover her morning classes.

"She's overwhelmed with what people have done," Dearborn said. A wide variety of items were sold during the rummage sale including household goods like plates, toys, picture frames, couches, furniture and even a washer and dryer. Cash donations were also made at the event.

This summer, another of Wiley's close friends organized an art sale to

help cover her costs and Stephanie Yurasits, math teacher, is currently working to organize a donation for a wig for Wiley, because wigs are extremely expensive. Last year's Senior Class donated over \$3,000 to help defray Wiley's costs.

"I really am overwhelmed by everything people have done for me...not only financially but being supportive emotionally as well. I want the West Linn community (especially the students and staff) to know that all of the things they are doing for me are so incredible and I feel truly touched by their willingness to help me," Wiley said.

According to Ibarra, students have been reacting to Wiley's illness with care, concern and empathy. Some students were overtly disappointed when they heard they were going to have a long term substitute because they had hoped for Wiley to be their teacher. Most of her classes have constructed cards for her to receive in the coming weeks.

"(Wiley) is so grateful for her West Linn family. She's very spiritual and is always asking for prayers," Ibarra said. Wiley's condition is currently improving and she could be back in the classroom as soon as this month.



Marlo Schwarz, Leadership/ASB adviser, Olivia Stewart, sophomore, Nicole Panichello and Kayla Nowlin, juniors, browse at the rummage sale which raised money for Hannah Wiley. Wiley, health/P.E teacher, was diagnosed with leukemia, and the staff and student body have pulled together to

Photo courtesy of Cindy Garrison

portion of the list, as well as student volunteers.

In May 2007, while student teaching for Susan Ibarra at Newberg High School, Wiley was diagnosed with a fairly common form of leukemia. This past summer, she

system and chemotherapy. Because of this, Wiley has had to stay in a semi-isolated area for approximately 100 days. Since she had to stay within 10 to 15 minutes of the hospital, Wiley has been living at a hotel, which is

Bailey's shout out

"The Power of the Lion is in the Pride"

To all students in Lion Country,

I would like to take this opportunity to formally introduce myself. My name is Lou Bailey and I am your new Principal! I am extremely excited, honored and enthusiastic to have this opportunity to be your Principal and be part of



Photo by Avery Breyne-Cartwright

the West Linn community. Over the past several weeks my priority has been getting to know you! As your Principal, it is extremely important to me that you know me, I know you and that you already have seen me many times around campus. Now, it is difficult to know 1,550 student names, but hopefully we can develop a trusting rapport and relationship as we move through this school year. I want to be someone you can count on!

Many students have asked me about my background, so here it is: I am entering my 23rd year in education and during my career I have been a high school English teacher and Assistant Principal, a middle school Assistant Principal, and for the last nine years I have been a middle school Principal. I am married and I have three boys: a sophomore in high school, a college freshman at OSU and my oldest son is in the Marines. They say, "Timing is everything," and in this case it is true as I was ready to get back to the high school level and I could not look past the opportunity of being the Principal at WLHS. This is truly an amazing place and you should feel very fortunate to attend this school.

As I learn about the culture at West Linn High School, you need to know that I am passionate about school pride and school spirit. High school is a phenomenal time in your life, and you should take advantage of all of the

opportunities this school has to offer. I am extremely impressed with the staff here and the high level of learning they offer on a daily basis. You will learn that my philosophy about being a Principal is about supporting what you do in the classroom and being involved in all of the after-school programs offered at WLHS. Visibility and accessibility are especially vital to me and you need to know that I care about you and your success.

I have the best job in the world because I love working with students. I have found that you all are very polite, respectful and enjoy this place called, West Linn High School. I look forward to an outstanding school year, and it is actually okay, and highly encouraged, for you to say to me, "Good morning," "Hello" or even stop me in the hallways and chat.

Sincerely,

L. Bailey

Lou Bailey, Principal

Marketplace comes full circle

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Staff Reporter

Over the summer the Willamette Marketplace has begun to bustle back to life.



Old Willamette becomes new Willamette with the addition of services and stores such as Fitness Together, Dola Nails and Tan Republic. Willamette Marketplace expects to have more businesses open during the remainder of the year and in 2009. Photo by Alicia Hueni

Already some businesses have opened and many more plan to open later this year and early next year. Some of them are already setting up; their goal is to make an early impact.

Venture Corporation is behind the renewal and revival. It has been about a year since construction started and now 60% of all sites have been leased. New businesses such as Papa Murphy's, Silk Cleaners, Fitness Together, Rose's Restaurant & Bakery, Tan Republic and a Mexican restaurant (whose name has not been released) will provide an ample amount of jobs as well as shopping opportunities.

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