

Wilson’s “Team Hat Trick” seeks to score big for cancer research

Edited by Don Snedecor
The Southwest Portland Post

Approximately every three minutes, someone in the U.S. will be diagnosed with a blood cancer; that’s 62,130 people in 2017! Three Wilson High School students are working hard together to change those statistics by raising funds for leukemia and lymphoma cancer research.

These dedicated Wilson High School students, led by sophomore Ben Finnell, have banded together to seek Wilson’s third state title as the leading student fundraiser for the Leukemia Lymphoma Society.

Wilson’s “Team Hat Trick” fundraising campaign will be challenged by student teams from other Oregon high schools also competing in “Student of the Year” competition that generated nearly \$90,000 in 2017. Wilson High School has won this statewide competition in the past two years. The competition runs seven weeks and will end March 4.

Typically, sophomores Ben Finnell, Lauren Davis, and Sam Altman enjoy weekends with friends or playing baseball, softball, or soccer for Wilson High School.

But when Finnell was asked by Susan Korte, of the Leukemia Lymphoma Society, to carry the fundraising torch this year at Wilson, he jumped at the opportunity to lead the effort and called on two of his most reliable friends.

“This is a really good cause and I’m glad I got the opportunity to help families beat this awful cancer,” said Finnell, “I want to do what I can to reduce blood cancers in any way possible.”

Davis’ motivation to help raise money for cancer research stems from loved ones affected by blood cancer. “Because my uncle is currently suffering with leukemia, I’ve seen what it can do not just to the ones who fight this difficult battle, but their families. Nobody should have to live with that pain,” she said.

According to Altman, “I’m part of Team Hat Trick because I want my kids [someday] to grow up in a cancer-free world. I value this program’s message to spread awareness about these terrible diseases and to create ways for youth to get involved in such an important cause.”

Blood cancer research gives hope to anyone with cancer. More than 40 percent of new cancer therapies approved by the Food and Drug Administration from 2000 and 2015 were initially approved to treat blood cancer.

“Team Hat Trick” is asking Portland residents to support this student-driven effort by visiting community “donation stations,” available at various Multnomah and Hillsdale businesses through March 4, or, by donating online at <http://events.11s.org/oswim/PortlandSOY2018/bfinnellrxu>.



Lauren Davis, Ben Finnell, and Sam Altman of Wilson High School are fundraising for cancer research. (Photo by Kerri Ann Garfield)

Vermont Street rehabilitation to include repaving, walking and bicycling access

By Jack Rubinger
The Southwest Portland Post

The Southwest Vermont Street Pavement Rehabilitation Project will bring increased safety and improved access for pedestrians, families and cyclists to this east-west corridor.

Proposed improvements were discussed at an open house event held at the Southwest Community Center in January.

According to Mychal Tetteh, manager of the Portland Bureau of Transportation’s Fixing Our Streets Program, popular destinations include the Southwest Community Center, Gabriel Park, the West Hills Montessori School and the Park Village Apartments.

The more than 1.5-mile corridor from 30th Avenue to 65th Avenue, is

also home to the Vermont Hills Shopping Center, OHSU Family Medicine outpatient clinic and a number of shops.

It’s a key route for accessing the St. John Fisher Parish and School and the St. Luke Lutheran Church. The TriMet No. 1, 45, and 64 bus lines serve the area.

“The project will begin this summer and stretch from 30th to 65th Avenue,” Tetteh said. “Residents in this area have been eagerly awaiting these improvements which are being made possible with funding from the Fixing Our Streets voter-approved program.”

In the coming months, residents will see new and wider sidewalks, improved shoulders, traffic mitigation, repaved roadways, ramps for

(Continued on Page 6)

OHSU FAMILY MEDICINE



Family-centered maternity care.

Healthy babies start with healthy families.

At OHSU Family Medicine, our team supports all your family’s health needs during this exciting time. From your first pregnancy test, through baby’s first steps and beyond, our family is here to help yours flourish.

GABRIEL PARK

503-494-9992

RICHMOND

503-418-3900

SCAPPOOSE

503-418-4222

SOUTH WATERFRONT

503-494-8573



VISIT: WWW.OHSU.EDU/FMMATERNITY

NORTH AMERICA’S

#1 Selling

Walk-In Tub

Advanced Air System-
Introducing MicroSoothe!





MADE IN THE U.S.A.
WITH PRIDE

Financing available
with approved credit



LIFETIME
LIMITED WARRANTY



Arthritis Foundation
Ease of
Use™



BBB
ACCREDITED
BUSINESS

The best walk-in tub just got better with breakthrough technology! **Presenting the all new Safe Step Walk-In Tub featuring MicroSoothe®** An air system so revolutionary, it oxygenates, softens and exfoliates skin, turning your bath into a spa-like experience. Constructed and built right here in America for safety and durability from the ground up, and with more standard features than any other tub.

- ✓ Heated seat providing warmth from beginning to end
- ✓ Carefully engineered hydro-massage jets strategically placed to target sore muscles and joints
- ✓ High-quality tub complete with a comprehensive lifetime warranty on the entire tub
- ✓ Top-of-the-line installation and service, all included at one low, affordable price

You’ll agree – there just isn’t a better, more affordable walk-in tub on the market.

For your **FREE** information kit and DVD, and our Senior Discounts, Call Today Toll-Free

1-877-700-0979

Call today and receive exclusive savings of

\$1500 OFF

FOR A LIMITED TIME ONLY

Call Toll-Free 1-877-700-0979



CSLB 983603 F13000002885 13HV08744300