

EUGENE PARENTS FUNDRAISING FOR 4-YEAR-OLD DAUGHTER WITH CANCER

A 4-year-old girl from Eugene diagnosed with a form of nerve cancer called neuroblastoma is receiving treatment at Doernbecher Children’s Hospital in Portland, and she needs help from her community to afford it.

Scarlet Craig, along with her parents Tim and Elena Craig, have already raised \$43,782 on the website GoFundMe as we go to press. The cancer, which doctors first discovered on Scarlet’s adrenal glands and has now metastasized to her bones, is the same kind of cancer affecting Leah Still, daughter of Cincinnati Bengals football player Devon Still.

Friend of the Craig family Barb Barnard says that with all the national press on neuroblastoma, it’s important to realize that local kids in Eugene are affected by this disease as well.

In support of Scarlet and her family, three classically hairy Eugene men will shave their heads if the GoFundMe campaign reaches \$50,000. Scarlet’s mom will also join in the shaving if the campaign raises over \$50,000.

To donate, visit gofundme.com/bg1lg0. —Amy Schneider

ACTIVIST ALERT

- The Lane County **Poverty and Homelessness Board** will meet from noon to 1:30 pm Thursday, Oct. 16, at the Carmichael Conference Room, Lane County Youth Services Serbu Campus, 2727 Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd. Call 682-3798 for more information.
- A free talk on “**Surveillance, Suppression and Secrecy**” with Nadine Strossen of the New York Law School and ACLU will be at 7 pm Thursday, Oct. 16, at the UO Law School, Room 175. Sponsored by the Wayne Morse Center on campus.
- Quaker activist and author **David Hartsough** is in Eugene this week on tour with his latest book, *Waging Peace: Global Adventures of a Lifelong Activist*. He will speak at 7 pm Thursday, Oct. 16, at the Eugene Friends Meeting House, 2274 Onyx St. Hartsough has used nonviolent protest to block Navy ships heading to Vietnam, and munitions trains heading to El Salvador and Nicaragua. He provides eyewitness accounts of peace and social justice struggles throughout the world. Free.
- **Measure 86** is on the agenda at City Club of Eugene at noon Friday, Oct. 17, at the Downtown Athletic Club, 999 Willamette St. State Treasurer Ted Wheeler will speak on “The Opportunity Initiative: Investing in Oregon’s Higher Education” with Bob Brew of Oregon’s Office of Student Access and Completion. \$5 for non-members.
- A town hall on “**The Faces of Agent Orange: What You Should Know 40 Years Later**” will be at 6 pm Friday, Oct. 17, at the Springfield Elks Lodge, 1701 Centennial Blvd. in Springfield. The event is billed as “Outreach to all affected veterans and their families” and to health practitioners.
- A march to Springfield City Hall titled “**Seavey Loop Salutes Springfield**” will be from noon to 1 pm Wednesday, Oct. 22, following a gathering on West A Street next to Island Park. The event is in protest of Springfield plans to industrialize the rural Seavey Loop area. See noindustrialpishgah.org or find the event on Facebook.
- Noted biologist **Tyrone Hayes** of UC-Berkeley will be in Eugene next week for a series of presentations and events regarding herbicides and health. The first will be a talk on “A Second Silent Spring?” at City Club of Eugene at noon Friday, Oct. 24. Later that day he will speak in a panel discussion on “Nature in Doubt: Intersex in a Chemical Era” at 3 pm at 250 Clinical Services Building on the UO campus. He will speak again that day at 7 pm at 182 Lillis on campus. On Saturday, Oct. 25, he will join a bus tour day trip to Triangle Lake. See beyondtoxics.org for a full schedule and more information.

NEWS



DEFazio WARNS AGAINST FURTHER ‘ENTANGLEMENT’

The call for all-out war against Islamic extremists is growing louder in the Pentagon, Congress and the White House as the U.S. carries on increasing overt and covert military actions in the Middle East targeting primarily ISIS, the Islamic State of Iraq and Syria.

But Rep. Peter DeFazio says, “History has shown that U.S. involvement in sectarian as well as civil wars raging in the Middle East does not benefit our interests. ISIS would not exist today if it were not for the unnecessary U.S. invasion of Iraq in 2003, which I voted against.”

His statements against U.S. involvement are outlined in a letter to a Eugene constituent and

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echo his more public positions. “Limited military strikes lacking clear purpose and achievable objectives are not an acceptable solution to the current conflict,” he writes. “They are a recipe for entanglement in further warfare.”

The McKeon Amendment to train and equip Syrian rebels passed the House of Representatives 273-156 on Sept. 17, and DeFazio was one of the only 85 Democrats to vote “no.” DeFazio describes the Syrian opposition as “a complex mess of various actors, many of whom cannot be considered trustworthy allies. Not even our intelligence agencies know who we can trust.” He goes on to write, “Using U.S. weapons to fight Assad would put us right in the middle of the Syrian civil war, a conflict that will last for several more years.”

“It is easy to argue that continued U.S. military actions in the Middle East only create more hatred directed at our nation and increase the risk of terrorism both here and abroad,” he writes. “ISIS is a regional threat and it is time for Saudi Arabia, Turkey, Jordan and other so-called ‘partners’ to step up and fight this war themselves. They have no incentive to do it if we keeping fighting it for them.”

DeFazio has introduced legislation to strengthen the War Powers Act. He says his H.J. Res. 60 would “make clear that, before the president undertakes an offensive military action, prior authorization from Congress is required. Gen. Martin Dempsey testified to the Senate Armed Services Committee that he would put U.S. troops on the ground if he felt it was necessary, despite the president’s numerous statements that he would *not* put boots on the ground. Already you can hear the march to war.” — Ted Taylor

KEN O’CONNELL

“I always loved drawing,” says Ken O’Connell, a San Francisco Bay Area kid who arrived in Eugene in the 1950s to attend Woodrow Wilson Junior High School and South Eugene High School. “I had an amazing art teacher, Larry Goldade. He got me on a pathway to study art.” After graduating from the UO, O’Connell served two years in the Navy off Vietnam, married Gwyneth, a fellow South Eugene grad, and spent a year in Eastern Oregon, teaching art at five different high schools. He returned to Eugene for an MFA and got a job at Treasure Valley Community College in Ontario. “I taught ceramics, filmmaking, photography, painting and drawing. Gwen taught printmaking.” They had three kids by the time he joined the UO faculty in 1978. Keeper of a sketchbook journal since high school, O’Connell began to specialize in sketchbooks after he became art department head in 1984. “I didn’t have extended studio time,” he says. “I had to work in transition, in airports.” He first taught sketchbook workshops 15 years ago at the Sitka Center on the Oregon Coast.

Since retiring in 2006, he has taught 10 to 12 workshops a year through art centers and community programs. “I do have a following,” he says. “I take students to Italy.” His workshop title, “The Spirit of the Rough Sketch,” also names a small book that distills his approach to drawing and writing. It’s easy to find online, as is his blog. O’Connell goes on without his wife, who was in her 18th year of teaching art at South Eugene when she died of a sudden illness in March 2013.

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HAPPENING PEOPLE

