

Bunco tournament headed to Keizer Civic Center

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A large bunco tournament — and fundraiser for Salem Health Foundation's breast cancer fund — is headed to the Keizer Civic Center Oct. 1.

The Alyssa Malchow Breast Cancer Fund is signing up players for the event and seeking sponsors and prizes.

The Alyssa Malchow Fund was established after the death of its namesake in 2008.

"Alyssa was a quiet person, but she had a really good heart. She grew up an only child and the thing she wanted and enjoyed most was being a mom," said Kelly Stevenson, a long-time friend of Malchow and now a cousin by marriage.

Malchow was diagnosed with breast cancer in the eighth month of her second pregnancy. Labor was induced two weeks after the diagnosis so she could begin cancer treatments, and the baby arrived healthy.

"One of the things people don't realize is that a lot of cancer that occurs before the age of 40 is more aggressive. They could never quite get ahead of it with treatment,"

Stevenson said.

Stevenson and Malchow's mother, Jennifer Boos, established the fund and fundraiser after her death. The pair went looking for a new venue earlier this year after their previous site closed.

They approached the Keizer City Council to ask for a waiver of rental fees this summer, but the request was denied.

That's when the Keizer Rotary Club stepped in and donated one of its free uses to the cause.

Tickets to Bunco for a Cause are \$25 and include a buffet dinner and dessert. Bunco prizes, door prizes and raffle prizes will be offered. Dinner begins at 6 p.m. and bunco will start about 7 p.m. Tickets can be reserved by calling Stevenson at 503-869-4393 or emailing whalekel@yahoo.com. All proceeds are used for breast cancer education and outreach focusing on women younger than 40.

Since 2008, Stevenson and Boos have raised more than \$44,000. Last year alone, with more than 160 people participating in the tournament, they raised nearly \$6,700.



Bell ringing marks Constitution Day

The Anna Maria Pittman Chapter of National Society Daughters of the American Revolution is inviting all churches, schools, firehouses and individuals in Keizer and surrounding areas to participate in the upcoming Bells Across America event.

The event celebrates the 229th anniversary of the signing of the United States

Constitution with a bell-ringing at 1 p.m. Saturday, September 17 — the date the Constitution was signed. Since Sept. 17 is on a Saturday, Bells will ring at government offices on Friday, Sept. 16, at 1 p.m. pacific time. Participants can ring them both on the 16th and 17th.

The Anna Maria Pittman Keizer Chap-

ter will celebrate with a display at the Keizer Heritage Center and will participate in Bells Across America at the Center Sept. 17 from 11:30-2:30 p.m. Bell ringing will be at 1 p.m.

Churches are requested to ring their bells for five minutes. All others are being asked to ring their bells for one minute.

Shredding it



Jeff Karpal and Brian Burt of Access help Megan Shaw of Oregon State Credit Union dump a box of paperwork to be shredded Saturday, Sept. 10. Manager Craig Williams reported that employees collected 12,676 pounds of paper, 6.34 tons of processed shred. It's the equivalent of 108 trees, 44,380 gallons of water, 25,994 kilowatts of energy, 380 pounds of atmospheric pollutants, and 32 cubic yards of landfill. Nearly 450 pounds of food was collected for the Marion-Polk Food Share.

KPD reminds drivers to stay alert in school zones

The Keizer Police Department is reminding motorists to be safe and alert as the new school year gets underway.

Here are a few specifics from KPD Sgt. Trevor Wening:

- When traveling through school zones, reduce speed to 20 mph between 7 a.m. and 5 p.m., even when there are no flashing lights.

- Flashing amber LED lights on the backside of school zone signs serve as a reminder when speed needs to be reduced.

- When a school bus activates its red lights, cars travel in all directions around the bus must stop. As long as the

red lights are flashing, traffic must stop, even if a stop sign is not deployed. This includes all five lanes of River Road North when a bus stops to pick up or drop off along the road.

- When dropping off or picking up children from

school, do not block bicycle lanes. Blocking bicycle lanes can result in a citation. Parents are advised to find parking within nearby neighborhoods and walk to the school or arrange a meeting spot with their children in advance.

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