

A campaign to prevent and reduce tobacco use by young people draws Peter DeBenedittis (from left), an expert on media literacy, to Century High School in Hillsboro, where student Ryan Aasen joins him, along with Dr. Chuck Bentz of Providence Health System and student Amanda Armstrong.

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Kids Take Note of Smoking Deceptions

Students at area high schools are learning how the tobacco industry specifically targets their age group as part of a campaign to stop tobacco use by young people.

Providence Health System has joined forces with the Tobacco-Free Coalition for Washington County on the awareness campaign entitled "We're Not for Sale."

The objective is to prevent and reduce tobacco use among youth, as well as educate 12 to 18 year old students about the deceptive advertising practices of the tobacco industry and to encourage them to take on Big Tobacco with advocacy activities.

Dr. Charles Bentz of Providence St. Vincent's recently spoke on the subject at a student assembly at Century High School in

Hillsboro.

He also recounted stories of the kinds of patients they treat at the hospital who suffer from tobacco-related diseases.

Peter DeBenedittis, a nationally acclaimed media literacy expert, spoke about how reading and writing about substance abuse can be used as a prevention strategy for both adults and youth.

Walk Puts Focus on Killingsworth

Area residents are invited to join city officials for a walk down the North Killingsworth business district, between Interstate and Williams, to generate ideas for improving the streetscape.

The walk will take place Thursday, June 13, starting at 6 p.m. at the North Portland Branch Library at 512 N. Killingsworth.

The city is developing a plan to

improve the corridor which could include things like trees, curb ramps, street lights, road crossings, bus stop changes, traffic signs, trash containers, bicycle access and art.

According to Lore Wintergreen of the city's Office of Transportation, priorities will be given to improvements that establish a sense of place that

acknowledges the importance of the people living in the community, their sense of well-being, and how the street is used.

"We need your input to build a street that works," Wintergreen said.

A similar walk for planning improvements on North Russell between Interstate and Williams was held Tuesday.



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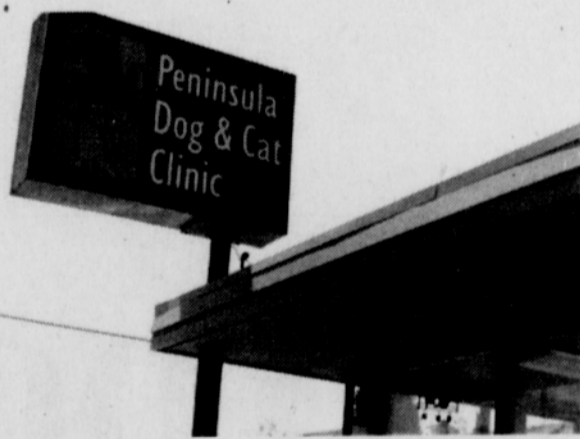
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Dr. George Puterbaugh recognized his love for animals early. By the time he was eight years old, he rode horses almost every day. Those early years were about more than riding, though. As a young horseman, he also learned to stand up for one's rights, be honest and self-reliant, work hard and make wise choices.

Puterbaugh considers himself a pretty average individual. Nonetheless, this "average" guy once risked his own safety to save someone from drowning. He also assisted in the release of POWs in Japan while serving in the Navy during World War II. He even witnessed the signing of the peace treaty that ended the war. Not so average.

After returning home, he went to the University of California at Davis, graduating with a degree in veterinary medicine.

Many things have changed in Dr. Puterbaugh's life, but the ready smile, the twinkling eyes and quick enthusiasm haven't dimmed a single watt. "I was faster in my youth," he says, breaking into a wide grin. The 800 and 1500 meters; now I manage to run a little over 8-minute-miles with the Over 70 Hood to Coast Team."

"We care for pets as if they were our own."

Plus, in his late 50s he ran a mind-boggling one hour, 21 minutes in a half marathon (13.1 miles). That means he chugged along at little over a six-minute pace!

All that energy enabled him to build and sell five veterinary businesses. Currently, he owns Peninsula Dog & Cat Clinic and Stark Street Animal Clinic in Gresham.

Some Peninsula clinic staff boast over 15 years of service with Dr. Puterbaugh. With over five decades as a veterinarian, he knows how much pets mean to their owners, bringing years of happiness to a family. His team of doctors and staff pride themselves on compassionate and personal care, tailored to each individual pet. "We care for pets as if they were our own," Dr. Puterbaugh says.



Dr. Puterbaugh's caring touch makes the visit easier for this four-legged patient.



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