

Screening tests score big victories over cervical cancer

By GERT HAWTHORNE

Relay For Life is the signature fund-raising event of the American Cancer Society. Pendleton’s Relay will take place on June 19, and will run overnight through the morning of June 20. At the event, you will have the opportunity to celebrate cancer survivors, remember loved ones lost to the disease, and learn more about how to fight back against cancer.

For the next few months, I will be presenting information on various forms of cancer, and ways to help prevent them. Part of my job on the Relay committee is to share information and resources of the ACS with the community. If you want more information, please visit www.cancer.org or call 1-800-227-2345. Each month at our planning meetings I share with the committee what I have learned in the previous month, encouraging them to take charge of their health. We also have a booth at Farmers’ Market, with information about Relay For Life and the American Cancer Society.

During January, the American Cancer Society focuses on cervical health awareness. The following is from the ACS website:

“Cervical cancer was once one of the most common causes of cancer death for American women. But over the last 30 years, the cervical cancer death rate has gone down by more than 50 percent. The main reason for this change was the increased use of screening tests. Screening can find changes in the cervix before cancer develops. It can also find cervical cancer early — in its most curable stage. Another way to prevent cervical cancer is to get vaccinated against human papilloma virus (HPV), which causes most cases of cervical cancer.

“The American Cancer Society is actively fighting cervical cancer on many fronts. We are helping people get tested for cervical cancer, helping them understand their diagnosis, and helping them get the treatments they need. The American Cancer Society also funds new research to help prevent, find, and treat cervical cancer.”

The best way to prevent this or any other type of cancer is to partner with your medical provider to make sure that you receive any of the recommended tests for cancer, given your age and gender.

Anyone interested in being part of the planning, or taking part in the event should contact Sandy Morris at 541-429-4114.



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A donation from Pendleton Wal-Mart and Swire Coca Cola was recently made to the Children’s Rodeo. Those participating in the presentation included Pendleton Wal-Mart Store Manager Shawna Nuff, Swire Coca-Cola Pendleton Sales Manager Terri Spriet, Children’s Rodeo Director Karen Parker and Children’s Rodeo committee member Linda Smith.

Children’s Rodeo receives donations

The Children’s Rodeo, an event of the The InterMountain Education Service District for students with special needs, received a boost recently with \$4,655 in combined donations.

The money came from Pendleton Wal-Mart, Swire Coca-Cola and the Let ’er Buck Room volunteers. The donation supplements what the Children’s Rodeo receives annually from the Pendleton Round-Up Association, its primary sponsor.

On Dec. 16, Shawna Nuff, Pendleton Wal-Mart manager, and Terri Spriet, Swire Coca-Cola Pendleton sales manager, presented a check for \$1,548. The donation represented a percentage of sales from Coca-Cola’s Round-Up-themed displays in the Pendleton Wal-Mart store in September.

Then, Dec. 19, Michael Ledbetter, Let ’er Buck Room director, and his wife, Jill, presented a \$3,107 check to the Children’s Rodeo planning committee. The donation came from tips received by Let ’er Buck Room volunteers during three days of the rodeo, as well as from sales of empty whisky bottles.

Karen Parker, Children’s Rodeo director, said the group is appreciative of the donations and the support for the kids.

The Children’s Rodeo will celebrate its 31st anniversary with a move in 2015 — from Wednesday of Round-Up to Thursday. Since Thursday is traditionally Tough Enough To Wear Pink day at the Round-Up, the Children’s Rodeo will use some of its donated funds to purchase new pink t-shirts for participants and volunteers to show their support of the breast cancer campaign.



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Larry Givens sworn in for third term

Umatilla County Commissioner Larry Givens took his third oath of office Saturday, Jan. 3, at Tate’s Umapine Mercantile, Umapine. Givens lives in the small community and said he chose the site because no elected official in Umatilla County has taken an oath of office there before. Judge Jeff Wallace, a longtime friend of the commissioner, officiated.

Photo by Anne Givens



BIRTHS

St. Anthony Hospital, Pendleton

NOV. 18, 2014
MAGANA — Brandi R. Sullivan and Alejandro S. Magana of Hermiston; a boy, Xander Ermin Magana.

DEC. 30, 2014
MACOMBER — Shelby A. Macomber and Clayton P. Macomber of Condon; a girl, Whitlee Jade Macomber.

JAN. 1, 2015
DENSON — Icy Roe and Joseph A. Denson of Pilot Rock; a girl, Naia Wintre Denson.

JAN. 2, 2015
BRONSON — Elizabeth L. Bronson and Bryson G. Bronson of Pendleton; a boy, Bowen River Bronson.

CALDER — Hailee D. Stuart; a boy, Kellin Douglas Calder.

SCHULZE — Noelle K. Schulze and Christopher M. Schulze of Pendleton; a boy, Samuel Albert Schulze.

JAN. 6, 2015
SPRAGUE — Scarlett Griffio and Damien Sprague of Pendleton; a boy, Ryder Daniel Allen Mayson Sprague.

Good Shepherd Medical Center, Hermiston

DEC. 31, 2014
CHILDERS — Alisha Serrano and Kacy Childers of Ione; a girl, Kleo Adalynn Childers.

SUBMIT YOUR EO NEWS

Submit Your EO News information and high-resolution photos to: community@eastoregonian.com or drop off to the attention of Tammy Malgesini at 333 E. Main St., Hermiston, or Renee Struthers-Hogge at 211 S.E. Byers Ave., Pendleton. Call 541-564-4539 or 541-966-0818 with questions.

Umatilla County district shares library news

The Umatilla County Special Library District recently announced the Echo Public Library was awarded a Libri Foundation Grant.

The foundation provided \$500 to match \$250 from the Echo Public Library. The two-to-one grant provided enough money to purchase 43 books.

Selected titles are aimed at the young adult readers, with a few for early readers. Among the new titles are “Al Capone Does My ...” series by Gennifer Choldenko; “Code Talker,”

“Faces from the Past” and “Found and Sent” by Margaret Haddix; and “The Grimm Legacy,” and “The Land of the Silver Apples” by Nancy Farmer.

In addition, the library district reported the Ukiah Pie Social and Books are Fun brought in nearly \$2,000. The Ukiah Library recently added 17 new books.

The Umatilla County Library District provides support to libraries throughout the county. For more information, visit www.uclsd.org.

THANK YOU

Woman rescued from river gives thanks

This is a letter of appreciation to all who participated in the rescue of Marie (Pat) Earle from the Umatilla River in Hermiston on the morning of December 21, 2014. Included were the Umatilla County Sheriff’s Department, Morrow County Sheriff’s Department, Hermiston Fire Department EMTs, city of Umatilla police, Med Star chopper crew and others who helped. A special thanks to the good folks from the Country Church at Hermiston for their prayers and expressions of concern.

Bill and Pat Earle
Irrigon

Act of kindness deserves thanks

I’m writing to thank someone for reminding my wife and me that acts of kindness are never wasted, even if you think no one is watching.

But I don’t know who it is that I’m thanking. It happened this way: On Dec. 30 about 1 p.m. my wife and I were eating lunch at Sisters Café in Pendleton. As we looked out across the street, in front of the old Rialto Theater an older woman using a walker struggled to walk into the icy wind. Part of her difficulty was that her coat wasn’t buttoned up, and she was trying to hold it closed with one hand while keeping the other on her walker. She would only take a couple steps before stopping to try to get a better grip on her coat.

Then a woman who was walking to her car stopped and spoke with the older woman briefly. The younger woman then buttoned up the other’s coat, patted the woman on both arms, and spoke to her some more. The timely helper then proceeded to her car and drove away.

The whole incident only took a moment, and I doubt anyone else saw it. But we did. We were impressed and want to say thanks.

All we know about you is that you drive a silver/gray car, maybe a Buick, and your license number starts 272. Oh, and you had a youngster wearing a red cap in the back seat. You are a great example for that child — and for all of us. Thank you.

Jon Jensen
Walla Walla

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

SATURDAY, JAN. 10
MEN’S BREAKFAST, 8 a.m., Bethel Assembly of God Church, 1109 Airport Road, Pendleton.

FRIENDS OF THE UMATILLA PUBLIC LIBRARY, 9 a.m., Umatilla City Hall, 300 6th St.

RETIRED UMATILLA ARMY DEPOT WOMEN’S CLUB, 9 a.m. no-host breakfast, Pheasant Cafe, 149 E. Main St. Hermiston.

AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF UNIVERSITY WOMEN, 11 a.m., Prodigal Son Brewery & Pub, 230 S.E. Court Ave., Pendleton. Josh Ego of Umatilla School District and Patricia Dawson of the Oregon State University Extension will discuss local activities and programs promoting science, technology, engineering and math for middle school students, particularly girls. A short business meeting will follow the presentations. Everyone welcome. (Marlene 541-276-7596).

EASTERN OREGON CELTIC SOCIETY PIPERS GATHERING, 1 p.m., The Old Meeting House, 901 M Ave., La Grande. For pipers of all skill levels. Instruction is free, but a \$2 donation for use of the building is appreciated. (541-568-4643 or pelder@oregontrail.net).

PENDLETON EAGLES STEAK AND LIVE MUSIC, 6-8 p.m. dinner, music 8 p.m. to midnight, Pendleton Eagles Lodge No. 28, 428 S. Main St., Pendleton. Open to members and guests. (541-278-2828).

BEST STAND-UP COMEDY ON IT'S WAY TO HERMISTON!

Melonville Comedy Festival
January 24, 2015
Hermiston Community Center

The 22nd edition of the Melonville Comedy Festival will feature three headlining stand up comedians. The comics have been seen on Last Comic Standing, HBO, Comedy Central, and on the Bob and Tom Radio Show.

BRAD UPTON

Has been working as a stand-up comic for 35 years. He has appeared in the HBO Comedy Festival, NPR Radio's Rewind, and will perform this spring with Neal McCoy and Johnny Mathis. Brad has several albums that are played on XM Satellite Radio.

DAVID CROWE

Is a frequent guest on the BOB AND TOM Radio show, appeared in his own Comedy Central special, and can be heard often on Satellite Radio.

DUANE GOAD

Is a comic who has worked in many of the top clubs in the United States. Duane is an opening act to Lewis Black and Jim Gaffigan. Goad also has an animated show on Comedy Central.

Tickets \$35 per person
Doors open at 7:00, Show starts at 8:00
Tickets available at
Hermiston Chamber of Commerce
for more info: 541-561-7488

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Pet of the Week

Collette

3 Yr. Old, Spayed Pitbull/beagle Mix

My name is Collette and I was brought in as a stray. That being said - I have been micro-chipped (it just needs to be registered) and am up-to-date on all my shots. I am the best natured, most loving, easy going and quiet girl you have been around. I'm looking for that special home to give all my love to. Come see for yourself - I'll win your heart!

Visit Collette at the Pioneer Humane Society/PAWS
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