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Employees at the Pendleton Public Library participated in #wearyellowforseth on behalf of a young boy with severe combined immunodeficiency (SCID).

Library workers wear yellow for Seth

Members of the staff at the **Pendleton Public Library** recently participated in **#wearyellowforseth**.

Seth Lane, a 5-year-old with "bubble boy" disease, asked supporters to wear yellow before his scheduled second bone marrow transplant. A video of the youngster asking people to wear yellow March 27 went viral after his family posted it on YouTube. In addition, **Jade Ruthven**, a family friend, launched a GoFundMe page for the youngster.

The Lane family lives in Northamptonshire, England, but Seth's request spread across the globe as countless people wore Seth's favorite color on March 27 and posted photos on social media using #WearYellowForSeth.

Celebrities, professional athletes and others joined the cause in helping raise awareness about Seth and his condition, severe combined immunodeficiency (SCID).

Special Olympics presents awards

Outstanding athletes, volunteers and a business were recognized March 31 by Hermiston/Pendleton Special Olympics Program No. 510.

The Male Athlete of the Year award was presented to **Daniel Tucker**, Female Athlete of the Year, **Mary Jones**; Volunteer of the Year, **Kirsten Kinsel**; Coach of the Year, **Patsy Brown**; and The Business of the Year, **Cascade Auto Repair** of Hermiston, owned by **Tom Huxoll**.

Photo contributed by Kristi Smalley

Shasta Jundt, Mary Jones, Daniel Tucker and Kirsten Kinsel were recently recognized with awards by the local Special Olympics program. Not pictured are Patsy Brown and Tom Huxoll.

Tucker competes in basketball, athletics and bowling. Communications manager **Kristi Smalley** said Tucker was very deserving of the award for his positive attitude and commitment in supporting all athletes who participate in the local Special Olympics program. Jones, who has participated in bowling for more than 10 years, also competes in bocce and earned a gold medal at her first Bocce Regional Tournament in June 2014. Jones embodies the spirit of the Special Olympics oath: "Let me win, but if I cannot win, let me be brave in the attempt," Smalley said. Kinsel has helped coach bowling and basketball and recently took on the responsibility of volunteer manager for the local program. Brown has been instrumental in providing coaching for the athletes in the Pendleton area. She also facilitates the biannual pie sales at the Pendleton Shari's Restaurant. For the past few years, Huxoll has provided the meal and team sponsorship for the annual fundraising golf tournament held at the Echo Hills Golf Course each August.

This year the local program also honored **Shasta Jundt**, as youth volunteer, for her help with providing coaching support for younger athletes. Jundt also recruited many of the volunteers for the Regional Bowling Tournament, held this past fall in Hermiston.

Special Olympics provides athletic training and competition for athletes with intellectual or developmental disabilities. For more information about the local program, contact **Stu Bance**, local program coordinator, at 541-376-8132 or Smalley at smalleys@eotnet.net.

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Bob and Mary Lee Britt

More than 75 years have passed, but Mary Lee still remembers the first time she saw Bob Britt.

She was at the Fossil Baptist Church singing a solo when the Britt family came through the door. She thought "Ooooh! New boy in town!" He had really red hair, and he was cute! They were both 13 years old. That day she and Bob got acquainted after church, and from then on they were an item.

When they were 17, the US had engaged in World War II and Bob joined the Navy. At the same time, Mary Lee attended Linfield College in McMinnville, taking classes with the goal of working in an office. Bob served most of his enlistment in the Aleutian Islands, and they corresponded throughout his post there.

In November 1944, Bob returned to Fossil for a 30-day leave. His dad talked him into purchasing a wedding ring. One night they were sitting together on the sofa at Mary Lee's parent's house, and Mary Lee's mom said, "Now listen kids, if you're thinking about getting married, you better decide because we don't have much time to get ready for it." Bob and Mary Lee looked at each other and said, "Well, yeah." And so, partially due to pushy parents, the marriage was on. Their 70 years of marriage has been eventful, with three children — Kathy, Paul and Phil — six grandchildren, nine great-grandchildren and one great-great-grandson. Careers included ranching, timber falling, long-haul freight and finally ownership of RC Britt Trucking for Bob, and 20 years as the payroll accountant with John Deere for Mary Lee.

Bob and Mary Lee Britt

They lived in Portland until Mary Lee retired from John Deere in 1982, then moved to Lexington, until Bob was ready to retire sometime between 1990-92 (It was difficult to get him to embrace the retirement concept). At that time they moved to Fossil where they still live today.

When asked what advice they want their family to have, they said, "Trust in the Lord. Make your life as happy as you can. Treat your husband or wife as your best friend, more important to you than anybody or anything. Be there for each other."

On Saturday April 18, the Britt and Sasser family and friends will gather at Masonic Grand Lodge in Fossil to celebrate the 70th wedding anniversary and 90th birthdays of Robert and Mary Lee Britt.

SeaPort names contest winners

Shannon Franklin is the grand prize winner of two round-trip tickets from Pendleton to Portland from **SeaPort Airlines**.

In in collaboration with six other Pendleton area businesses, SeaPort recently announced the winners in its Let 'er Fly Sweepstakes.

The sweepstakes attracted more than 400 entrants and offered seven prizes — from gift certificates to airline tickets.

Other winners include **Ron Stevenson**, $100 **Hamley & Co**. gift certificate; **Linda Clark**, **Pendleton Woolen Mills** motor robe; **Julie Farring**, four tickets to the **Pendleton Reel West Film Festival**; **Jennifer Allen**, $75 **Alexander's Chocolate Classics** gift certificate; **Joyce Duval**, 2015 **Pendleton Round-up and Happy Canyon** premium package; and **Shanna Bailey**, $50 **Virgil's at Cimmiyotti's** gift certificate.

SeaPort Airlines serves the Eastern Oregon area with air travel opportunities from the Eastern Oregon Regional Airport to 10 states and has recently announced its first international schedule. The airline sponsored the sweepstakes as a means of attracting attention not only to the airline itself, but also as a means of highlighting the entire Pendleton region. For more information about the airlines, including flight schedules, visit www.seaportair.com.

Athena man reaches top Toastmasters honor

Jim Marquardt was recently awarded the Distinguished Toastmaster award by Toastmasters International, a nonprofit educational organization that teaches public speaking and leadership skills.

The Athena man has been a member of Toastmasters since 2007. Marquardt is a peace officer/inspector for the state of Oregon Liquor Control Commission.

The Distinguished Toastmasters (DTM) is the highest award a Toastmaster can achieve. Less than one percent of all Toastmasters ever achieve the designation.

Marquardt's journey to becoming a DTM means he worked his way through educational manuals, giving more than 40 speeches. The speeches emphasized things like speech organization, using visual aids, and informing, persuading and inspiring others. Marquardt's leadership activities include organizational projects for Toastmasters, as well as advancing through a Toastmasters leadership progression

Photo contributed by Darlene Marquardt

Jim Marquardt, left, is congratulated by Jan Taylor and Ben Buchert upon receiving the Distinguished Toastmaster award.

For information about local Toastmasters clubs, visit www.toastmasters.org.

Testicular cancer: early detection increases cure rate

By GERT HAWTHORNE

In April, the American Cancer Society focus is on testicular cancer

This information from isn't meant to replace the expertise and judgment of a physician. If you notice any changes in your testicles, you should see a doctor.

Possible signs and symptoms of testicular cancer:

•Lumps. The most common symptom of testicular cancer is a painless lump on or in a testicle

•Swelling. Sometimes the testicle may become swollen or larger, without a lump. (It's normal for one testicle to be slightly larger than the other, and for one to hang lower than the other.)

•Pain in the groin or scrotum. Some testicular tumors might cause pain, but most of the time they do not.

Symptoms in other parts of the body:

•Breast growth or soreness: In rare cases, testicular cancers can cause men's breasts to grow or become sore.

•Early signs of puberty in boys, such as a deepening of the voice and the growth of facial and body hair, abnormally early.

•Heavy or aching feeling in the lower belly, or even nausea and vomiting.

Cancer is one possible cause of these symptoms, but more often they are caused by infection, injury, or something else. You can't be sure you have testicular cancer based on symptoms alone, It's important to see a doctor about any changes you notice in your testicles,

Symptoms of testicular cancer that has spread:

•Low back pain, from cancer spread to the lymph nodes.

•Shortness of breath, chest pain, or a cough may develop from cancer spread in the lungs.

•Belly pain, due to enlarged lymph nodes or cancer has spread to the liver.

•Headaches or confusion, from cancer spread in the brain.

•Pain and swelling on one side of the scrotum or when passing urine.

•Fever

•Milky discharge from the penis

What if you are concerned:

If you find something unusual or not sure about, see a doctor right away.

During a physical exam, the doctor will check your testicles and possibly other parts of your body. If anything abnormal is found, an ultrasound and other tests may be done.

Testicular cancer can be treated and usually cured, especially when it's found early. If you have any possible signs or symptoms of testicular cancer, see a doctor right away. You might not have testicular cancer, but if you do, the sooner you start treatment, the more likely it is to work.

For more information, visit www.cancer.org.

Gert Hawthorne is on the committee for Pendleton's Relay for Life. The signature fundraiser for the American Cancer Society, the Pendleton relay is June 19-20 at Sunridge Middle School. For more information, call her at 541-215-9767.

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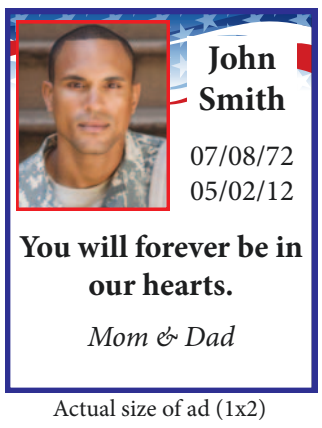

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