

# CANCER: 'You find out who your real friends are'

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Some survivors just want to move on with their lives after going into remission, but Atfield said attending the monthly survivor luncheons has helped "a lot." She has made close friendships, helped others and been helped herself. She paints colorful rocks and hides them around town for strangers to find, and said the ones with words like "determination" and "courage" were inspired by her cancer survivor friends.

## Sharon Maness

Eighteen years ago Sharon Maness went through seven and a half weeks of radiation treatment plus a partial mastectomy to treat breast cancer.

"I was so tired all the time when I was done," she said. "The side effects hung on for six more months."

She said cancer survivors all know that "you find out who your real friends are"



Sharon Maness underwent seven and a half weeks of radiation therapy and a partial mastectomy to treat her breast cancer.

Staff photo by E.J. Harris

when going through cancer treatments. She got closer than ever to some friends and family as they stepped up to help, while others "slunk

away" when the going got tough. Those friendships were never the same. Cancer survivorship has come with a lot of new

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— **Georgia Marshall**, cancer survivor

friendships, but forging them via participation in cancer-related support groups and nonprofits comes with a price. Maness has had six good friends die from cancer since her own battle. It's a tough experience each time, and one that causes some survivors to eventually pull back from the groups because they're tired of losing people.

## Georgia Marshall

The thing that keeps many survivors coming back to events like Relay for Life and the survivor luncheons is the chance to support people like Georgia Marshall.



Contributed photo by Sharon Maness. Sharon Maness is shown during her time going through radiation treatment for breast cancer 18 years ago.

Marshall is currently battling colon cancer, and on Tuesday she broke the news to the survivors' group that her doctors had made the decision to stop chemotherapy because it was too much for her body to handle.

Cancer survivors are honest and their concern for her is not phony or shallow, Marshall said. She said they're "like family" now.

"They watch out for you like mother hens," she said, noting a recent experience where they refused to let her volunteer at a fundraising event because she was so tired from the chemotherapy. "I've called a couple of them in the middle of the night when I was having some issues and they were there."

Not everyone experiences the same side effects, but survivors can still give patients and recent survivors a heads up about things they might possibly experience.

"We all have different cancers, but some of the fears you have, they've had," she said. "I'm glad they're here."

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Georgia Marshall currently has colon cancer and recently had to stop taking chemotherapy on her doctors orders due to her body being too weak for the treatments.



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Jean Thomson and Susan Norquist participate in a National Fitness Day event at McKay Creek Estates in Pendleton.

## McKay Creek residents get fit

In celebration of the recent National Fitness Day, several residents and staff of McKay Creek Estates decided to get their blood pumping.

The group went for a short walking trip a few blocks from the facility, said executive director Noemi Wiseman. Staff at the Pendleton assisted living facility were encouraged to wear their favorite fitness outfit to celebrate with the residents.

There were couple of residents that joined the short trip via wheelchair, Wiseman said. One of them

was **Thelma Lindner**, who expressed her appreciation for the outing.

"This is really fun, I loved it," Lindner said.

Wiseman said as the weather permits, taking routine walks will be included as part of scheduled activities. In addition, Wiseman invites the community to join staff and residents as they celebrate healthy lifestyles.

For more information about activities at the center, contact Wiseman at 541-276-1987 or [nwiseman@pres-tigecare.com](mailto:nwiseman@pres-tigecare.com).

## Golfers raise money for Meadowood

Manning the 17th hole during the **Camp Meadowood Springs Benefit Golf Tournament**, a foursome of ladies brought in \$5,144 to help the camp program, located near Weston.

**Karen Fontaine, Jeanie Bloodsworth, Rita Walker and Donna Casper** offered golfers a chance for a perfect drive at the hole. Those who ponied up \$5 could forgo the dogleg and advance 150 yards up the par 4 hole. In addition, the ladies sold a variety of beverages to raise additional money for the camp.

In its 37th year, the tournament was held June 2-4 at **Big River Golf Course** in Umatilla. Money from the event benefits **Camp Meadowood Springs**, a unique summer camp experience for children/teenagers and their families impacted by communication and/or social learning challenges.

"It's just a fun thing to do and we raise a lot of money," Bloodsworth said.

Also, while manning the hole, Bloodsworth caught up with **Portland Trail Blazers** legend **Bob Gross**, who was on hand for the event.



Photo contributed by Rita Walker

Bob Gross, who played on the 1977 Portland Trail Blazers championship team, autographed a quilt Jeanie Bloodsworth is working on. The Hermiston woman caught up with the former pro basketball player while attending to the 17th hole during the June 2-4 Camp Meadowood Springs Benefit Golf Tournament at Big River Golf Course in Umatilla.

The Hermiston woman has been working on a Blazers-themed quilt and had Gross autograph it.

Unsure of what she's going to do with the quilt

once it's completed, Bloodsworth said, "I think it's as tall as Bob Gross."

For more about the speech camp, visit [www.meadowoodsprings.org](http://www.meadowoodsprings.org).

## Domestic Violence Services receives grant

The **Women's Foundation of Oregon** recently presented a \$25,000 grant to **Domestic Violence Services**.

Serving Umatilla and Morrow counties, the program is in its 40th year of providing services. Domestic Violence Services serves survivors of sexual, domestic and dating violence and stalking — providing services in both English and Spanish.

DVS staffs a 24-hour crisis line (800-833-1161) and operates emergency shelters in Pendleton and Hermiston. In addition, it has full-service advocacy centers in Hermiston and Pendleton and part-time advocacy centers in Boardman and Milton-Freewater.

The program provides individual and group support, advocacy, court accompaniment, transportation and safety planning. DVS assists with restraining orders and case management. In addition, it offers life skills classes.

The Women's Foundation of Oregon awarded four grants, which totaled \$75,000. The foundation focuses the power of women's collective resources to improve the lives of women and girls in Oregon. For more information, visit [womensfoundationoforegon.org](http://womensfoundationoforegon.org).

For more information about Domestic Violence Services, contact **Kathryn Chaney**, executive director, at 541-276-3322, [kathryn@dvs-or.org](mailto:kathryn@dvs-or.org) or visit [www.dvs-or.org](http://www.dvs-or.org).

## Area entries come up roses in Portland parade

Several area individuals/groups received recognition during the **Grand Floral Parade**, held June 10 during the **Portland Rose Festival**.

In the Equestrian Class, **Happy Canyon** princesses **Gabriella Lewis** and **Virginia Conner** received first place in Native or National Costume, Individual/Pair; and **Randy and Vicki Leonard** of Pendleton Stagecoach took first in Horse Drawn Wagon or Carriage.

The parade grand marshals included **Bobby Gross**, **Lloyd Neal** and **Larry Steele**, members of the 1977 NBA Champion **Portland Trail Blazers**. The honor took place 40 years after their triumphant victory parade when "Blazermania" erupted in downtown Portland on June 5, 1977 following a spectacular 2-point win at home in the deciding game of the NBA finals.

For more information, visit [www.rosefestival.org](http://www.rosefestival.org).

## BIRTHS

**St. Anthony Hospital, Pendleton**  
**JUNE 7, 2017**

**NAVARRO** — Gladis Navarro Hernandez and Jose Roberto Amezola Vazquez of Boardman, a girl, Jayleen Amezola Navarro.

**FRIAS** — Shannon J. Rodriguez and Jose L. Frias of Boardman: a boy, Klayton Frias.

**SELAM** — Brooke M. Selam and Christopher R. Selam of Pendleton: a boy, Christopher Reuben Selam Jr.

**ARGUETA** — Chelsey Dawn Parker-Argueta and Cesar Enrique Argueta of Pendleton, a boy, Lionel Ernesto Argueta.

**JUNE 8, 2017**

**CERNAZANA** — Ann Marie Phelps and Casey Joe Cernazana of Weston, a boy, Urik James Cernazana.

**JUNE 9, 2017**

**BROM** — Jennifer Brom and TJ Brom of Pendleton, a boy, River William Brom.

**KNIGHT** — Christa Jane Knight and

Rex Glenn Knight of La Grande, a girl, Sawyer Jane Knight.

**JUNE 12, 2017**

**ROARK** — Victoria Rose Roark of Pendleton, a girl, Lydia Zienya Roark.

**Good Shepherd Medical Center, Hermiston**

**JUNE 8, 2017**

**GUTIERREZ** — Cynthia Gutierrez and Isaiah James Hilliard of Hermiston, a girl, Izzybella Zarah Hilliard.

**TAMANG-TRUJILLO** — Mickey Trujillo and Sameer Tamang of Hermiston, a girl, Divya Rose Tamang-Trujillo.

**JUNE 11, 2017**

**BALENTINE** — Krystal Dawn Dunagan and Richard Dennis Christian Balentine of Hermiston, a girl, Savannah Louise Dixie Balentine.

**MINOR** — Jordan Michelle Minor and Riley Scott Minor of Ellensburg, Washington, a girl, Monroe Crossley Minor.

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## Pet of the Week



Coal

Meet Coal! He is such a handsome, smart boy. Coal is a 4 year old Bull Mastiff mix. He likes going for quiet walks, learning new things, and playing with toys. He walks nicely on a leash. He is always happy and we recommend a harness because he is very strong. Coal gets along great with other dogs and loves kids. Coal is looking for a calm home with a fully-fenced yard - no apartments or condos. If you have a dog of similar size, Coal will need to meet him prior to adoption. If you're an experienced dog person looking for a loyal friend, Coal could be the right dog for you. Coals' adoption comes with his neuter, micro-chip, current shots, flea and worm treatment along with a free bag of his favorite food. Come to PAWS to meet Coal, you'll be so glad you did!

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