

# Relay for Life rallies against cancer

Boardman woman to share at Survivor Celebration

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PENDLETON — Despite first being diagnosed with cancer nearly a decade ago, Angie Flores maintains a positive demeanor.

“I try to make the best of the situation,” the Boardman woman said. “I pretty much am blessed with having a positive attitude.”

Flores had a gastrointestinal stromal tumor removed from her stomach in 2014. However, she has been fighting melanoma since 2017. Calling it “very unpredictable,” she said sometimes she just has to sit back and take each new day as it comes.

Flores will share about her cancer journey during the Survivor Celebration at Relay for Life of Umatilla/Morrow County. The signature fundraising event for the American Cancer Society is Saturday, June 25, 3-10 p.m. at Roy Raley Park, 1205 S.W. Court Ave., Pendleton.

Since September 2021, Flores has boarded an airplane and headed to Arizona every 28 days. Under a program through the Cancer Treatment Centers of America, she said her travel expenses are covered and everything related to her treatment is

## DERMATOLOGY BOOTH OFFERS FREE EXAMS

Be sure to check out the Oregon Health & Science University Dermatology Department’s booth at the Relay for Life event.

Dr. Sancy Leachman, the chair of dermatology at OHSU, and Vikram Sahni, a fourth year medical student and dermatology research fellow, are offering free, rapid skin exams, recommendations for follow-up care, educational tools on melanoma and free skin product samples.

The booth is open 3-8 p.m.



**“LIFE IS GOOD, EXCEPT I HAVE CANCER.”**

— Angie Flores of Boardman

centralized in one location.

“Life is good, except I have cancer,” Flores said. “No matter what, I have faith in God, and I have great friends and family.”

Different teams will host fundraising activities throughout the afternoon and evening. In addition, people are invited to walk laps around the park. Food and beverages will be available throughout the event.

A silent auction runs from 3:30-7 p.m. The Survivor Celebration, which includes dessert for cancer survivors, is at 6 p.m. In addition, Lance Zaugg, school resource officer with the Pendleton Police Department, will share about the No Shave November competition between the schools.

Carol Preston, local Relay for Life organizer, said the effort raised more than \$4,600.

At 7:30 p.m., the ACS Cancer Action Network will share about their work in fighting back against cancer through legislative efforts and research initiatives. The Luminaria Remembrance, which features decorated bags that are illuminated, is at 9:30 p.m. Tilly White, a cancer survivor from Pendleton, is the featured speaker.

For information about the local event, search [www.facebook.com/UmatillaRelay](http://www.facebook.com/UmatillaRelay). To register, visit [www.relayforlife.org](http://www.relayforlife.org). For questions, contact 541-379-6294 or [relaypendleton@yahoo.com](mailto:relaypendleton@yahoo.com).

## Pendleton Bird Club invites public to picnic

PENDLETON — The Pendleton Bird Club invites the public to join its club picnic Saturday, June 25, 12-2 p.m. at Emigrant Springs State Park, 15 miles east of Pendleton off Interstate 84.

Socialize over a potluck style lunch and discuss bird sightings until 2 p.m. After, join in the birding fun along the trails of the park, looking for nuthatch and chickadee species, as well as other birds.

The club asks you to bring something to barbecue, if you desire, and a dish for sharing. Also be sure to bring your own beverage, dishes and flatware.

To locate the group, turn right upon entering the park, proceed just past the restroom on the left to the site on the right at the Morel Picnic Shelter. There will be members of the Pendleton Bird Club at the shelter from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.

For more information, or to RSVP, email [marilyncripe7@gmail.com](mailto:marilyncripe7@gmail.com).

## Bell ringers to present free concert

PENDLETON — More than 150 handbells and hand chimes will be featured during a performance by The Wesley Bell Ringers.

A music ministry of Christ United Methodist Church in Salt Lake City, the 20 teenage performers are on a summer tour and giving a free public concert Friday, June 24, 7:30 p.m. at the Pendleton First

## COMMUNITY BRIEFING

Presbyterian Church, 201 S.W. Dorion Ave. Donations will be accepted.

The concert program includes Bach’s transcription of Vivaldi’s Allegro from “Concerto in A minor” and “Pure Imagination” from “Willy Wonka & the Chocolate Factory.” In addition, the group will perform several selections from noted handbell composers and arrangers.

Featuring nine youth ringers and 25 bells, the group started in 1963. During the past 58 years, more than 500 youths have participated in the choir. The bell ringers have taken the stage in all 50 states and all but one of the Canadian provinces. They have performed at numerous notable venues, including the U.S. Capitol, Mt. Rushmore, Disneyland and Disney World.

For more information about the choir, visit [www.thewesleybellringers.com](http://www.thewesleybellringers.com). For questions about the local concert, call the church at 541-276-7681.

## Horsemanship clinic ropes in Carson James

HERMISTON — Carson James is offering a three-day clinic on horsemanship in Hermiston.

With a focus on fundamentals, the event is Friday through Sunday, June 24-26, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. at Eastern Oregon Trade and Event Center, 1705 E. Airport Road, Hermiston. The full clinic cost is \$650, which includes the use of a stall Thursday, June 23, through

Monday, June 27.

Also, riders may drop-in to audit all or part of the clinic. The cost is \$25/day or \$60/all three days.

Food and beverage trucks will be on-site from 7 a.m. to 3 p.m. In addition, catered meals are available at 6:30 p.m. Friday, June 24 — which includes the sharing of stories and a question-and-answer session with James — and Saturday, June 25. The cost is \$20.

James’ experience includes working on large ranches across the Pacific Northwest and riding thousands of “problem” horses across the country. The author of “Tales of Horsemanship,” James is known for his ability to break down concepts into understandable steps.

For more information, visit [www.carsonjames-horsemanship.com](http://www.carsonjames-horsemanship.com). For clinic/audit registration, contact Jen Smith via [jnt.my3angels@gmail.com](mailto:jnt.my3angels@gmail.com) or 509-998-2481.

## On top of spaghetti all covered in cheese in Stanfield

STANFIELD — Come hungry and bring your cash to the Stanfield Community Center fundraising dinner Saturday, June 25, 4-7 p.m. at Stanfield Community Center, 225 W. Roosevelt Ave.

This year’s dinner is raising money for new air conditioning and heating at the community center. The Mexican spaghetti dinner is \$8 per person.

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