OBITUARIES

Donna Elaine Goff Pendleton September 15, 1961-July 29, 2012

na Elaine Goff of Penaleton, Ore., passed away at home with her family July 29, 2012. She was 50 years old. Donna lived and

loved actively despite being treated for breast cancer for more than 16 years.

Donna was born September 15, 1961, in Hollywood, California, to Jack and Alice (Buckalew) Watkins. After attending

elementary school in San Jose, Donna's family moved to Tacoma, Wash., where she graduated high school in 1980. While attending Western University Washington Donna was a coxswain for crew for three years, graduating with a bachelor's degree in early childhood development in 1985. Donna then worked as a nanny in Bend, Ore., where she met her future husband. September 19, 1987, she was married to Brian Goff in Tacoma, Wash.

After they lived in Corvallis, Ore.; Winthrop, Wash.; Carthage, Mo.; Pine Hollow, Ore.; Reedsport, Ore.; they bought a house and settled in Klamath Falls, Ore. Donna gave birth to Shannon at The Dalles in 1990, Brett at Eugene (from Reedsport) in 1992, and Leanne at Klamath Falls in 1995. Caring for and raising her children, and supporting her family, has been a fulfillment of Donna's life dream.

Donna's career was focused around caring for children with special needs while working 12 years for the Klamath Falls School District in the early intervention program. In 2004, the family moved to Pendleton where she was a teacher for the Umatilla-Morrow County Head Start at Pendleton High School. Donna was active in breast

cancer support groups, including a founding member of Norma's Challenge in Klamath Falls. She enjoyed cooking,

scrapbooking, collecting, and garage sales, but most of all participating in her children's activities. She was a member of the Church of God.

Survivors include her husband of nearly 25 years, Brian Goff of Pendleton;

daughter Shannon Goff of Corvallis, son Brett Goff of Gresham, and daughter Leanne Goff of Pendleton; sisters and brothers-in-law: Diane and Mark Hartenstine of University Place, Washington, Debbi and Brian Harper of Sammamish, Washington, Linda and Rob Moynan of Carlsbad, California; parents Jack and Alice Watkins of University Place, Washington; parents-in-law Ron and Maxine Goff of Springfield, Missouri. She was preceded in death by her twin brother, Douglas Eugene Watkins.

A viewing will be held at Pendleton Pioneer Chapel on Friday, August 3rd from 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Memorial services will be held at the Pendleton Church of God on Saturday, August 4th at 1:00 p.m. A reception will be held at the church immediately following the service.

Donna has cherished many friendships along the way, and has touched many more through her strength and giving. Memorial donations can be made to cancer research, treatment, or care at the giver's discare of in cretion, Pendleton Pioneer Chapel, Folsom-Bishop, 131 S.E. Byers Ave., Pendleton, OR 97801. Online condolences may be sent to www.pioneerchapel.com.



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Special Needs Families Connect. The areas of challenges may include physical, social, emotional or behavioral issues.

The group's upcoming meetings are Wednesday, Aug. 8 and Tuesday, Sept. 4. The sessions are from 5:30-7 p.m. at InterMountain Education Service District, 2001 S.W. Nye Ave., Pendleton.

There are limited spots available for childcare. To reserve a spot, call 541-377-0790. For more information about the group, contact Sharyn at sharyn87@gmail.com or 541-240-4064.

Picasso sessions encourage creative young artists

PENDLETON — Helping little ones find their creative side is the focus of the Pee Wee and Junior Picassos. Pendleton Parks and Recreation will introduce a county fair theme as they work on art projects with clay and paint during the Aug. 13 and Aug. 15 sessions.

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