

RECIPE FOR HELP — Angela Kohama displays the fliers she had printed up to announce an upcoming pancake breakfast to benefit Rebekah Adams, a 3-year-old from Banks who is fighting Ewing's Sarcoma, a bone and soft tissue cancer.

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Pancake Breakfast for ~*Rebekah Adams~*



Rebekah is a beautiful three year old diagnosed with Ewing's Sarcoma cancer in her face, hand and neck and is currently being treated with intensive chemotherapy and radiation. This cancer has affected her physically and emotionally. We are all praying for a miracle!

Please come to the Pancake Breakfast supporting Rebekah you can help us raise some "heavenly dollars" to help pay for her medical expenses. The cost is made possible by the generous support of donors. Rebekah and Angela's Mommy, Angela, thank you for supporting Rebekah and her family through these tough times.

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Fund-raising with a side of toast

Westview student will get up early in the morning to help cut Banks' girl's medical expenses

By **RAY PITZ**
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Angela Kohama is hoping to make a small difference in a little girl's life.

After several months of planning, Kohama has organized a pancake breakfast to raise money for Rebekah Adams, a Banks-area girl who's been diagnosed with cancer.

"She is a beautiful 3-year-old girl who has Ewing's Sarcoma," said Kohama, a junior at Westview High School. "My mom was Rebekah's speech therapist before she was diagnosed with cancer."

On Nov. 6, Kohama will join other friends, relatives and supporters in the Banks High School cafeteria from 8:30 to 2:30 p.m. for the benefit breakfast.

Rebekah was diagnosed in April with inoperable Ewing's Sarcoma cancer, a bone and soft tissue cancer found in her head, face and neck.

The daughter of Frances and Scott Adams, Rebekah initially received 12 weeks of chemotherapy with an added 31 days of radiation therapy.

Scott Adams said that since then she has received chemotherapy every three weeks.

"Ewing Sarcoma family tumors are a rare type of bone and soft tissue cancer in children and adolescents," said Scott Adams, an adoption attorney. "Approximately 200



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TREATMENT AHEAD — Rebekah Adams was diagnosed with Ewing's Sarcoma in April. Since then, the little girl who loves to play outside, has undergone chemotherapy and radiation treatments.

new cases of this type of tumor are diagnosed in the United States and Canada per year."

For the Adamses, the past several years have been difficult. Rebekah originally was diagnosed with cerebral palsy and with other neurological issues before she turned 3.

Before all her recent medical problems, Rebekah loved to play outside on her swings and walk around, even though walking isn't always easy for her, said Scott Adams.

"She was very much an outside, run-around girl," said Scott Adams. "She loved interaction with other kids any time she could."

Although Rebekah's doctors have given

Help on the menu

The Pancake Breakfast for Rebekah Adams if from, 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Nov. 6 at the Banks High School cafeteria, 450 S. Main St. The event will gather donations to defray the family's medical expenses. For more information, call 503-649-3727. Also, on the Web at www.HelpRebekah.com.

her a less than a 50 percent chance of survival, the Adams' are taking it day-by-day.

The family spends much of its time at Legacy Emanuel Children's Hospital in Portland, where their daughter undergoes

treatment.

So much time is spent there that Scott set up a mobile office inside the family's camping trailer parked in the hospital lot.

When planning her honors diploma service project, Kohama wanted to make sure it was something special. Then she was reminded by her mother, Kathy, about Rebekah's plight.

"I e-mailed her parents, Scott and Frances, and proposed the idea to see if it was OK," said Kohama. "I think initially they were all for it, but they wanted to make sure I was going to follow through."

Kohama said there was no need to worry: She already has enlisted the help of Hometown Buffet, which has agreed to donate food and place collection boxes for Rebekah in its restaurants. The company also agreed to donate door prizes for the event.

Enrique Regino, owner of Pepper's Mexican Grill in Hillsboro, is also helping by donating food.

Fast Signs, Kinko's and Office Depot are contributing advertising for the event.

In addition, Westview's Key Club and members of a church youth group have agreed to help at the breakfast. So far, 30 students have signed up.

"There's no set donations," said Kohama. "We do have a recommended donation of \$5 for adults and \$3 for children but you can donate as much as you can."

Scott Adams appreciates Kohama's efforts. The breakfast will serve dual purposes, he said.

"I think it's twofold; No. 1 to help with uninsured medical expenses and, No. 2 to create awareness," Scott Adams said.

Kohama is excited about being able to help out the family and hopefully make their lives a little easier. She's also banking on having a large crowd.

"We were hoping — we were thinking — maybe 500 people," Kohama said. "We just want to raise as much money as we possibly can."