Lax Bros Fightin' 4 a Cure team members (front, l. to r.) Alexander Pantaleon, Cameron Fisher, Bryce F

G enerally, October is the month when people "think pink." I

Lax Bros Fightin' 4 a Cure is the brainchild of three Olympia High School students with a mutual connec

"You don't really think about it until it happens in your family," Greg said.

"My mom had cancer when I was in middle school, and it was really hard for her, because she couldn't

Recently, when Nick's grandmother, who lives in Kentucky, was diagnosed with breast cancer, he knew

“I’ve always wanted a breast cancer jersey,” Nick said. “I went to Greg, because he has a lot of connecti

Greg, Bryce and Nick approached OHS boys varsity lacrosse head coach Matt Ort, D.C., at the end of la

“When they came to me with the idea, it was a no-brainer,” Ort said.

He encouraged the boys to take the lead in planning the project, and he would help them along the way.

“We began planning everything in the summer,” Greg said.

“At first we thought about donating the money to [Susan G. Komen for the Cure],” said Heather Terlecki,

Olympia High School varsity lacrosse head coach Matt Ort (far right) partners with players (l. to r.) Greg

Heather contacted Lynda Canatay, event manager for Women Playing for T.I.M.E., for information abou

“The guys and I met with representatives at M. D. Anderson to see what we could do for them,” Ort said.

The next step was to come up with a logo and design the jerseys the players would wear. Greg, Bryce a

“We came up with the idea of Lax Bros Fightin’ 4 a Cure, because we all love lacrosse, and the guys on

When the fall season rolled around, the boys donned their new jerseys and pink socks and hit the field,

“A lot of the other teams came up to us and wanted our jerseys, because they liked what we were doing

“I had people come up to me and ask where they could get the pink socks our guys were wearing,” Lesli
Team parents sold breast cancer awareness items, as well as accepted donations during the games, wh

The boys wanted to expand their awareness efforts, so they wore pink Firefighters for a Cure T-shirts to

“We got a very positive response, and we actually sold a few to other kids,” Greg said.

Even though the official national breast cancer awareness initiative concludes at the end of October, the

New to the team, but not to cancer, Miguel Cross supported the cause from the beginning to honor his m

“Breast cancer doesn’t just happen in October; people get it all of the time,” Ort said. “Breast cancer affe

On March 15, OHS will face off against West Orange High School in the first Pink & White lacrosse gam

“This is going to be a big event,” Ort said. “Bill Baker has been onboard with this all the way,” he said, re

The event will include a survivors walk, where each player will escort a survivor around the track; a med

“The Pink & White game was the idea of our sons, who know the horrors of this disease firsthand and w

The team’s goal is to donate $5,000. To date, they have raised almost $1,300.

“We are still looking for sponsors to help out with our jerseys and also for donations,” Ort said.

“Head coach Ort has organized this event, and Olympia High School administration is in full support of h

Cancer survivors Debbie Ferone (left) and Leslie Frohlich support their sons’ efforts in cancer awareness.

According to Curran, other OHS teams are interested in doing similar projects in support of breast cance

“We hope this will continue every year,” said Greg, who is a junior.

“I am very proud of Greg,” Debbie said. “He is a quiet warrior in the fight against this horrendous disease