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GRIZ TEAM UP TO FIGHT BREAST CANCER

MISSOULA —

Griz fans are invited to join Team Up Montana Breast Cancer Awareness Day events before and during The University of Montana vs. Eastern Washington football game Oct. 17 in Washington-Grizzly Stadium.

All game-goers are encouraged to wear some form of pink in support of breast cancer awareness and to take part in Team Up Montana tailgate activities before the game. Raffle tickets will be sold for the chance to win one of four autographed Grizzly footballs.

At kickoff, breast cancer survivors will release pink balloons that people have purchased in honor of someone who has or has had breast cancer. The balloons cost \$5 at

<http://www.teamupmontana.com>.

All proceeds for the day's events go to the St. Patrick Hospital Foundation Cancer Compassion Fund, which helps Montanans who can't afford mammograms or cancer treatment.

The final showdown of the Powder Puff Football games will take place during halftime. The flag football battle began at the Oct. 10 Griz Homecoming game. Competitors include

members of the UM Ultimate Frisbee team, Lady's Rugby Association, Fitness and Recreation Center and Women's Center.

UM, St. Patrick Hospital and Health Sciences Center and its foundation, St. Joseph Medical Center in Polson, Safeway stores, the Missoulian and KPAX-TV joined forces to create Team Up Montana to hold events each year to focus on a specific cancer.

Events this year focus on breast cancer, which ranks No. 1 in estimated new cases of all cancers diagnosed in America, with one in eight women being diagnosed in their lifetime, according to the American Cancer Society.

More information about Breast Cancer Awareness Day at Washington-Grizzly Stadium and about Team Up Montana is online at <http://www.teamupmontana.com>.

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