

NEIGHBORHOOD ALL-STARS

Leslie Ruggles

Passionate about mission

"She works for Crisis Intervention Services, and their whole mission is really awesome. She has done all the social media campaigning as has even hosted some of her own fundraisers for victims of sexual assault and survivors," said Nina Boomershine. "She is passionate about education and awareness of survivors of sexual assault and gender equality and getting that information out there."

Driven to help

"[She stands out because of] her passion, her drive and the way she cares for people. She's a great listener, it's one of the

ways she's so good at the work she does," said Boomershine. "She's just a caring person."

Important to make a difference

"I work at CIS and they allow me to volunteer part of my time as part of our Blue Zones," said Ruggles. "I volunteer because I think it's important to make a difference in your community and to be part of your community in that way."

How she got involved in volunteering

Actually, it came through CIS. They worked with Blue Zones to allow their employees to volunteer during work times. I look for opportunities in our community as they come up, whether that's helping with showing documentaries in our service area, and my recent project was volunteering at the Stop Hunger Food Packing event with St. Mary's church. We packed meals for families in Guatemala.

Hometown

Osky, born and raised.

Family

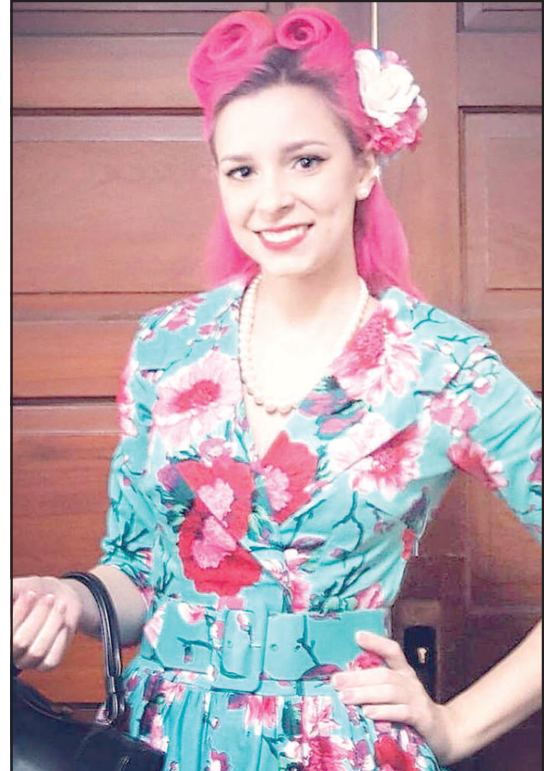
My mother is a lab tech at the hospital, my father works at WalMart, my little brother lives in Atlanta.

Profession

Sexual assault advocate and also communications coordinator for CIS.

Hobbies

I think most of them really move around my job, so a lot of my hobbies are being online, watching youtube, spending time with friends and I like to try new Asian recipes I find.



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