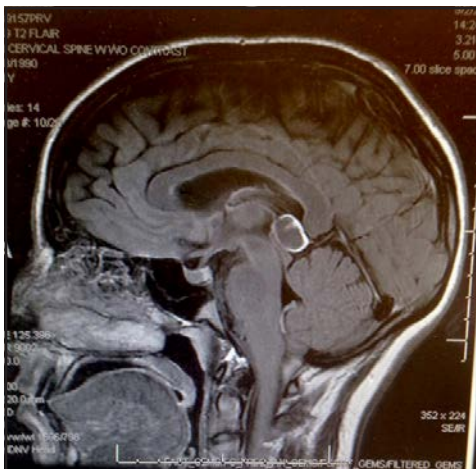


Jessie Thorne Update

Surgery is scheduled for later this month...

To Our Readers:

Here is the latest news from Jessi Thorne. It appears that her situation has taken a turn for the better, and doctors here in Portland have reconsidered and I'm happy to report that surgery is scheduled for April 15th of this month. I will continue to keeping readers posted as to her progress. **-JC**



Brain Scan showing Pineal Cyst, center.

Dear Tualatin Life Readers,

I am pleased to say that surgery is scheduled, for April 15th! We were unable to wait for the endoscopic procedure in California, as they were not budging on the price. There is a team of surgeons doing it here in Portland, at St. Vincent. Now, like I have said before, it is a more invasive surgery. It is not endoscopic, but microscopic. I will need a plate, and screws, to attach my bone back on. At my last appointment with them, they explained that they need to open up a bigger hole because of how large the cyst has become, they can't just go in and suck it out. They need to be able to have a good view of what is going on, because if it has attached itself to other parts of my brain, it needs to be handled very cautiously. They also stressed needing to remove the whole thing, because they don't know for sure if it is a cyst, or a tumor, given that it has some strange characteristics. Now I know there was many people that had been asking the whole time why I couldn't just get it done here, but one of the surgeons that is performing it, was unwilling to do it before. Now, he has seen that it has grown and has some discerning characteristics, and has now finally agreed to be a part of the removal.

With all of the help from this awesome community, and my insurance coverage, and I am happy to report that I no longer need donations, the surgery is taken care of! I can't stress enough how thankful I am for everybody that has come forward to help with their donations, prayers, and inquiries to how they can help. Every time an article runs, we seem to get more people reaching out to try and help. This has been quite the whirlwind of stress, and issues, and worry, and fear, and hope. I can't wait to be fully recovered, and look back on this time of my life as just a hurdle. I will forever remember the generosity of people, and their help in giving me what I think is a second chance at life. For right now, I am just getting things prepped, and trying to take Landon on as many adventures as possible. My mother has committed to staying home and taking care of him until I am recovered.

It is going to be a long recovery, so I am just trying to prepare myself for that. I am of course most worried about my son, who is so used to having me around all the time. I have been trying to explain it to him, so it won't all come as a shock. I look forward to the time when I can work again, and I can support us on my own.

I would also like to mention one of the police officers here in Tualatin, his name is Shawn Fischer. He had read about my story in the paper (after pulling me over) and went out of his way to come to my house, let me know that him and his family have been thinking of me, and donate some money! I really appreciate the little things like that, and would like him to know that they don't go unnoticed.

Going forward, if there is anybody that would like to contribute to my recovery in any way, you can contact my mother, Tina Brewster: 503-476-4921.

Finally, I would like anybody that suffers from a pineal cyst, or knows someone that does, to get in contact with me, as I believe I could be of help! My e-mail is jessithorne@yahoo.com, and I can also be found on Facebook!

Thank you!

Jessie Thorne