

Machinists endorse Castillo, Wu, Holvey, Riggs-Henson

ASTORIA — The Machinists Non-Partisan Political League (MNPL) endorsed Susan Castillo for re-election as Oregon superintendent of public instruction.

Castillo, a Democrat, is seeking a third term in the non-partisan race. She is being challenged by Ron Maurer, a Republican state legislator from Grants Pass. The winner of the May primary will win election outright.

Castillo's endorsement came April 24 at the Oregon Machinists Council meeting in Astoria. MNPL is the political arm of the Machinists Union.

MNPL issued Democratic primary endorsements to 1st District Con-

gressman David Wu; State Rep. Paul Holvey of Eugene, and Pat Riggs-Henson, a retired member of the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees running for Lane County Board of Commissioners.

MNPL tabled a request by U.S. Sen. Ron Wyden to purchase tickets to a fundraising event at the Rose Garden on May 15. Delegates said they were "troubled" by the Democratic senator's continued support of free-trade agreements.

Earlier this year, MNPL endorsed Brad Witt for re-election as state representative in House District 31.

Put food bag in mailbox May 8

Don't forget to put your food bag in the mailbox on Saturday, May 8. It's all part of the National Association of Letter Carriers "Stamp Out Hunger" food drive.

You should have already received a plastic bag from your letter carrier. All you have to do is fill the bag with non-perishable food items such as canned meat, fish and soup, cereals, pasta and rice, and leave it at your mailbox.

Letter Carriers will collect the bags and deliver them to drop points, where

volunteers will sort the donations and forward them to the Oregon Food Bank. (Food collected in Clark County will benefit Clark County hunger-relief agencies.)

The 18th annual Food Drive is the largest one-day food collection of the year in Oregon — and across the nation. Last year more than 1.6 million pounds of food was collected in Oregon and Southwest Washington — and a record 73.4 million pounds of food was collected nationwide.



Union members bowl to raise money for MDA

Union members raised \$10,500 April 25 at the 21st annual Labor Bowl Challenge, which benefits the Muscular Dystrophy Association.

This year's event was a masquerade bowl. Working from that theme, Alex Lewis, Willie Groshell and Sue Canfield (pictured above from left to right) teamed up as "The Gutter Bums." The three work at the Newberg Post Office and are members of National Association of Letter Carriers (NALC) Branch 82.

Pictured above right is James Griffith, an Executive Board member of Bakers Local 114.

Since its inception in 1989, Portland-area unions have collected \$311,828.75 bowling for MDA.

Money goes to buy wheelchairs and braces for children, as well as research and summer camps. Muscular dystrophy is a hereditary condition marked by a pro-

gressive weakening and wasting of the muscles over time.

Thirty-nine bowlers representing eight unions participated this year. NALC Branch 82 topped all unions in money raised, with \$3,000. Retired Fire Fighters Local 43 member Cal Eddy was recognized as the top individual fundraiser, with a donation of \$1,265.

Randy Stein Jr. of NALC Branch 82 won a trophy for men's high bowling series, with a 180 average (his high game was 206). Evie Conrad of NALC Branch 82 captured women's high series with a 178 average.

Other unions participating in the bowling event were United Food and Commercial Workers Local 555, Bricklayers Local 1, District Council of Laborers, Machinists District Lodge 24, and Portland Community College Federation of Classified Employees Local 3922.



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