



MDA AMBASSADORS. The Camps are ambassadors for the Oregon Muscular Dystrophy Association. Lynette Camp (center) and four of her six children have been diagnosed with the disease. Taking part in the MDA Labor Bowl were Benjamin, 12, Ephraim, 10, Hannah, 9, and Caleb, 5. Also bowling is their father, Wayne.



Oregon School Employees Association Beaverton Chapter 48 fielded three teams this year. Above, OSEA member Matt Bennett prepares to roll a strike as teammates Hansen Hess, Amanda Bennett, and Kristen Croft look on.



IATSE Local 28 Business Representative Rose Etta Veneucci (left) and Board member Kathy Andrews prepare to bowl — complete with team uniforms.

BUILDING COMMUNITY

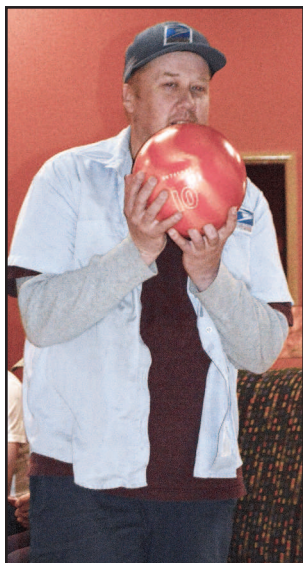
Union members score big with bowling fundraiser for MDA

Eighty-five bowlers representing 21 union-sponsored teams raised \$8,536.52 for the Muscular Dystrophy Association April 9 at Sunset Lanes in Beaverton. The National Association of Letter Carriers Branch 82 sponsors the event, with promotional help from the Northwest Oregon Labor Council. Since its inception in 1989, the Labor Bowl for MDA has raised \$392,119. Money is collected through pledges and a silent auction. The top fundraiser, with \$412, was Mike O’Conner, a member of the National Association of Letter Carriers Branch 82.

All money raised helps kids go to summer camp, buy wheelchairs and braces, and pay for research. Muscular dystrophy is a hereditary condition marked by a progressive weakening and wasting of the muscles over time.

Unions represented at this year’s event were NALC Portland Branch 82, NALC Salem Branch 347, Oregon School Employees Association Beaverton Chapter 48, IATSE Local 28, and NW Priority Credit Union.

Top bowlers on the day were Mike Hennings of OSEA Branch 48, and Char Bryce of NALC Branch 82.



First time MDA bowler Eric Taunt is a member of NALC Branch 82 at Creston Post Office in Southeast Portland.

JOBS

Portland Public Schools could face layoffs for 2017-18 school year

A loss in state education funding could spell layoffs next year for more than a hundred union members who work at Portland Public Schools (PPS).

Interim Superintendent Robert McKean presented his proposed budget to the Portland School Board on April 4. The budget is based on the assumption that the state will not provide enough funding for K-12 schools to cover the district’s current level of services, so cuts likely will be necessary — though nothing is set in stone.

The State of Oregon is facing a \$1.7 billion budget shortfall for the next biennium.

Under the superintendent’s proposal, 83 teachers and 59 non-union central office employees are on the chopping block.

More than 200 classified employees remain unassigned for next year, according to Belinda Reagan, president of Portland Federation of School Professionals (PFSP) Local 111. Earlier this year the union was notified that 100 workers could be laid off next year if the state doesn’t allocate more money to the school budget.

“We’re now up to approximately 225 unassigned employees,” Reagan said. “It runs across the board — from school secretaries, library assistants, EAs (education assistants), to

instructional techs.”

The superintendent’s budget allocates \$4.3 million for custodians and maintenance, with an additional \$1 million for new school custodians and maintenance, which would add 12 jobs dedicated to new buildings.

Custodians are represented by Service Employees Local 503, and maintenance department personnel are represented by a dozen union locals under the District Council of Unions (DCU).

With just 84 workers, the maintenance department already is well below industry standards for staffing in relation to the square footage of buildings they are responsible for, said DCU spokesman Pat Christensen, a business rep for Plumbers and Fitters Local 290.

The School Board has scheduled listening sessions to take public comment on how to allocate dollars in the coming year. The first one was held April 11.

The next session is April 25, from 5-6 p.m. at Blanchard Education Service Center, 501 N. Dixon St., Portland. The final session will be held May 9 from 5-6 p.m., also at Blanchard Education Service Center.

The School Board will hold a budget work session May 23, with final adoption expected June 13.,



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