

Special Olympics athletes have luck of the Irish

A group of 31 athletes and 12 coaches from the **Hermiston/Pendleton Special Olympics Local Program #510** recently traveled to Beaverton to compete in the Special Olympics Regional Basketball Competition.

It must be close to St. Patrick's Day because the majority of the athletes brought home gold, said **Kristi Smalley**, communications manager.

Due to the increase in athletes participating in the basketball program, two 5-on-5 teams competed at the Tualatin Hills Athletic Center. The Currents earned gold medals and the sportsmanship award for Division F under the leadership of first-time Special Olympics basketball coach **Cal Harris**. The Shockers also scored gold in Division D guided by head coach **Mark Smalley**.

At Cedar Mills Middle School, Individual Skills Competition athlete **Misty Larson** earned a gold medal along with fellow teammate **Mary Ann Wright**, who earned a bronze medal, **Lyall Arey** earned a silver medal and **Kelly Wiseman** placed fifth. The ISC athletes were coached by **Remick Arey** and **Raymond Trotter**.

In the afternoon the 3-on-3 teams began competing. The Lightning came away with bronze medals and the sportsmanship award for Division D under the watchful eyes of coaches **Kirsten Kinsel** and **Lindy Thompson**. The Thunder stormed their way to a gold medal and also the sportsmanship award for Division C coached by **Stu Bance**, **John Driesen** and **Kristi Smalley**.

Special Olympics provides training and competition for individuals with a developmental/intellectual disability. For more information about the upcoming sports season, which includes track and field events, Bocce and golf, call **Stu Bance** at 541-376-8132 or **Randy Brown** at 541-278-6168.



Special Olympics team Thunder: coach John Driesen, Jeremy Hansen, Chris Gillpatrick, Jonathan Wilson, Jillian Smalley, Tammy Koenig, Christina Williams, coach Kristi Smalley.



Special Olympics team Shockers: Sean Boyd, Jason Cargill, Steven Gutterud, Cody Heaps, Brian Vandenakker, Trampus Jeffreys, Bobby Phillips, Timothy Vickere, coach Mark Smalley.



Special Olympics team Currents: Andrea Eiden, coach Cindy Middleton, Jose-Angel Ramos Garcia, Jeff McEachran, Rian Middleton, Steven Reed, Andi Sue Reid, coach Jennifer Reed, Veronica Turner, Justin Winters, coach Cal Harris.

Sherlock Holmes visits Morrow County

Sherlock Holmes and his assistant, Dr. Watson, were recently in Irrigon and Boardman to solve a mystery.

Representatives from the Portland-based **Traveling Lantern Theatre Company** were in the two Morrow County towns to present an enrichment program. A pair of professional actors set up the stage and changed voices, characters and costumes many times to solve a mysterious case.

Evil Professor James Moriarty, a criminal mastermind, sometimes appeared as a man and sometimes as a woman. Despite the clothing and wig, he was easily recognized by a mysterious growth that shifted from his back to his stomach. The actors involved students in some roles, and fourth through sixth graders from Irrigon Elementary and Windy River Elementary schools cheered, booed and hissed to help solve the mysterious case.

Sponsored by the **North Morrow Community Foundation**, funding for the program was provided by the **Morrow County Unified Recreation District** and community donors.

For more about the traveling company, visit www.travelinglantern.com.

Cancer and survivorship

This month's spotlight on cancer focuses on survivorship.

Survivor programs in Pendleton include:

- A free luncheon the second Tuesday of each month at 1 p.m. at **St. Anthony Hospital**. There is no charge. It provides an opportunity for cancer survivors to draw support from each other.
- Kick'N Cancer New Beginnings** offers compassionate support for cancer survivors. The organization supports the Spirit Program by providing personal training, massage therapy, nutrition counseling and Pilates/exercise classes. It's located at Roundup Athletic Club.
- The **American Cancer Society** website provides information about cancer survivorship:

During the 1970s, about 50 percent of those diagnosed with cancer survived at least five years. Now, more than 66 percent survive that long. Today, there are more than 14 million cancer survivors in the United States.

The view that cancer can't be cured and the fears that have historically been attached to the disease are slowly changing. Increased knowledge of cancer biology has led to remarkable progress in cancer prevention, early detection and treatment.

For more information, visit www.cancer.org.

Sen. Wyden receives Congressional Steel Champion Award

The **American Iron and Steel Institute** presented U.S. Sen. **Ron Wyden**, D-Ore, with the 2016 Congressional Steel Champion Award for his dedication to the American steel industry and its workers.

Wyden received the award in recognition of his long-standing support of the steel industry, his leadership in helping secure passage of legislation to improve the anti-dumping and counter-vailing duty laws during the debate on Trade Promotion Authority last summer and his leadership in obtaining passage of the ENFORCE Act as part of the customs bill enacted into law earlier this year.

The award was presented March 16 by **Conrad Winkler**, a member of the AISI Board of Directors and president and CEO of EVRAZ North America, which has facilities in Oregon.

Wyden said one of his top goals is to fight for American workers.

"One way you do that is by enforcing the rules here at home and stopping trade cheats before they hurt American



U.S. Sen. Ron Wyden receives the Congressional Steel Champion Award by Conrad Winkler, president and CEO of EVRAZ North America, and Thomas J. Gibson, president and CEO of AISI.

workers and families," the senator said. "I helped pass new laws to fight unfair trade because I believe American workers deserve stronger and faster relief."

Winkler said Wyden was at the forefront in passing laws

that came at a crucial time for the steel industry.

"We are grateful for his strong leadership on this, and so many other issues that impact the American steel industry and our employees in Oregon. Sen. Wyden is truly

one of our steel champions," Winkler said.

Thomas J. Gibson, president and CEO of AISI, said they are grateful for Wyden's strong advocacy on behalf of the steel industry. He called the award "much-deserved."

Information contributed by Gert Hawthorne, who is on the committee for Pendleton's Relay for Life. The signature fundraiser for the American Cancer Society, the Pendleton relay is June 17-18 at Sunridge Middle School. Teams are now registering and scheduling fundraisers leading up to the summer relay. For more information, call Hawthorne at 541-215-9767, event lead Carol Preston at 541-379-6294 or visit www.pendletonrelay.org.

BIRTHS

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MARCH 16, 2016
FAIRLEY — Corrina S. Fairley of Pendleton; a boy, Levi Allen Eugene Fairley.
MARCH 17, 2016
MARQUEZ-ARMSTRONG — Rita M. Marquez-Powell and David S. Armstrong of Pendleton; a girl, Naysa Dawn Marquez-Armstrong.
Good Shepherd Medical Center, Hermiston
MARCH 16, 2016
MAYES — Meghan Parke and Shawn Mayes of Hermiston; a girl, Khloe Kay Mayes.
MARCH 20, 2016
HAUGER — Kimberly Reynolds and Clifford Hauger of Irrigon; a girl, Araya Sunshine Hauger.

Pet of the Week

Rufus

Rufus is Part German Shepherd and an all around pretty cool guy. He's a team player when it comes to sharing toys and running with the big dogs. He needs some training because he's 6 months old and still a puppy, but if you're looking for a friendly dog who loves to cuddle, you can't go wrong with Rufus. He is neutered and up to date on all shots and ready for a forever loving home!

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