

Special Olympians bring home medals

More than 60 athletes representing the Hermiston/Pendleton Special Olympics Local Program #510 traveled to Corvallis July 7-9 to participate in the Special Olympics State Summer Games.

Competing at Trysting Tree Golf Course, five golf athletes brought home a handful of medals — including two first-time golf athletes. David Andrews earned gold in the Individual Skills Competition and Saul Lara got a bronze. Three athletes along with their Unified Partners participated in an alternating shot 9-hole format — receiving bronze medals for the teams of Jonathan Kinsel/Tye Stewart, and Jonathan Wilson/Don Headley. Bringing home the gold were Jason Cargill and Kris Neustal, the 2016 Local Program Coach of the Year.

Four bocce athletes earned a fourth place finish for the team of Jillian Smalley and Lyall Arey, with a bronze medal finish and sportsmanship award going to the first time Unified Bocce Team of Misty Larsen and Jessica Sexton.

The athletics (track and field) events took place at the Liberty High School, where first-time participant in the Pentathlon event, Jenny Marick, got a gold medal. Many medals and even more smiles were earned at the two-day event, said Kristi Smalley, communications director.

Special Olympics provides year-round athletic training and sports competitions for individuals ages 6 and older with intellectual and developmental disabilities. There is no charge to participate.

The local program's next sports season is bowling, which begins Sept. 1 at Desert Lanes in Hermiston. Signups are Monday, Aug. 21 from 4-5 p.m. at the Arc Building, 215 W. Orchard Ave., Hermiston. For more information about participating as an athlete or volunteer, call Angela Schneider at 541-314-0166.



Photo contributed by Pat Edmondson
Hepner resident Jenny Marick, a first-time pentathlon participant, won a gold medal during the Special Olympics State Summer Games, held July 7-9 in Corvallis.



Photo contributed by Kristi Smalley
Jason Cargill and Kris Neustal received a gold medal in a unified partner golf competition during the Special Olympics State Summer Games July 7-9 at Trysting Tree Golf Club in Corvallis.

Pendleton teen wrangles in volunteer award

Sydney Bracher was recently awarded the 2017 Top Hand silver buckle by the Pendleton Round-Up Association.

The award was presented to the 13-year-old Pendleton girl July 12 during the annual party for young volunteers at the Pendleton Aquatic Center.

The Top Hand award is presented annually to a young volunteer who has made significant contributions to the success of the Pendleton Round-Up.

Syd is the daughter of Randy and Char Bracher, who operate a family ranch north of Pendleton. She will be an eighth grader at Sunridge Middle School in the fall.

Syd is an honest to goodness cowgirl, said Randy Thomas, Round-Up publicity director. As an active member in 4-H, she has won several championships showing her steers. Syd also competes in junior rodeos where she loves to barrel race.

Her favorite horse to run the pattern with is Willie, but she is equally as competitive on her back-up mount PG. She not only wins at barrels but also holds several all-around victories at her age group.

Her Pendleton Round-Up service began at age 8. Her busy days during the event includes feeding and watering the timed event



Photo contributed by Randy Thomas
Sydney Bracher, 13, was recently presented with the 2017 Top Hand silver buckle by the Pendleton Round-Up Association for her outstanding volunteer work.

livestock, running steers and calves out of the arena and pulling ropes from various critters.

"My favorite part of Round-Up is getting to hang out with the pick-up

men," Syd said. "I just love spending time with Gary Rempel, Matt Twitchell and Clint Humble."

Her father nodded with approval, saying the men are great role models.

Blood donor reaches giving milestone

A highlight of the June 19 American Red Cross blood drive held at Good Shepherd Medical Center in Hermiston was Chris Fischer reaching the 5-gallon donation milestone.

Overall, the drive collected 30 units from 35 donors, said Patti Perkins, who helps coordinate the blood drives. The canteen, she said, was furnished by

Columbia Grange.

Blood products are always in high demand, but the summer months bring an increase in demand, Perkins said.

A person's donation of blood can help save the lives of up to three people. Perkins encourages people to consider becoming a donor and asking a friend or neighbor to join in giving the gift of life to a

stranger.

The next blood drive at Good Shepherd is Monday, Aug. 21 from noon to 6 p.m. While walk-ins are welcome, appointments assist with planning and can be made by calling 800-448-3543. In addition, service groups interested in providing canteen duties at upcoming blood drives are urged to call Perkins at 541-571-5372.

THANK YOU

A village cared for Karin Kreshon

On behalf of Karin and myself I would like to thank a number of folks who over the past few years had been extremely helpful to Karin, who passed away June 28.

The following accolades are not in any specific order: Thank you to the fire department and the paramedics who came to the house a number of times to stabilize Karin when she was having heart issues and transported her to St. Anthony Hospital.

To the nurses, doctors and staff at both St. Anthony and Kadlec Medical Center for the care she received in the emergency room and from the nurses and staff after she was admitted, numerous times.

To the teams of Life Flight, who flew Karin to Kadlec many times, and especially to the Life Flight nurse, on the first transport, who called the hospital later that night to follow up and see how she was doing. This was above and beyond the call of duty and brought a smile to Karin.

To her doctors, both cardiologist and

general practitioner, for doing their best to keep her in fairly good health and by doing so extended her life by many years. And especially to her general practitioner who came to the house, because Karin could not make it to the office as required by Medicare within the last 30 days, in order to get help from Home Health Hospice.

To Clearview MDRC who made it possible, at no cost to us, to have a hospital bed delivered and set up that made it easier to care for Karin and more comfortable for her.

To her friend who gave up most of the day at work to come to the house and assist the Home Health Hospice nurse with cleaning up caring for her.

And lastly, but not least, to the staff and nurses at Home Health Hospice who came to the house, daily, to make sure Karin was comfortable and tried their best to ease her pain, and followed up with me after Karin's passing to make sure I was doing OK.

Karin is no longer in pain and I thank you all again on both of our behalfs.

Tommy Lee Kreshon
Pendleton

BIRTHS

Good Shepherd Medical Center, Hermiston

JULY 12, 2017
CORTABERRIA — Briana B. Cortaberria and Gregorio D. Cortaberria of Hermiston: a boy, Tiberius Jameson Cortaberria.

JULY 13, 2017
EGO — Sonia B. Ego and Joshua R. Ego of Hermiston: a girl, Sawyer June Ego.

St. Anthony Hospital, Pendleton

JULY 11, 2017
LOVEJOY — Patricia M.-E. Lovejoy and Michael A. Lovejoy of Helix: twin boys, Theodore Francis Lovejoy and Benjamin Charles Lovejoy.

JULY 13, 2017
FISHER — Meeka A. Boyd of Heppner and Mathew P. Fisher of Washougal, Wash.: a girl, Serenity Ann Fisher.
HERSOM — Brittany M. Hersom and James W. Hersom of Union: a boy, James Wylie Hersom.

JULY 15, 2017
REDCRANE — Roslynn C. Simmons and Tracey W. Redcrane of Pendleton: a boy, Tracey Weyli Redcrane Jr.



Photo contributed by Judy Fordice
Representatives from the Hermiston Senior Center receive a "Share The Love" donation from Mike Boedigheimer, Harley Swain Subaru general manager.

Senior center rides away with donation

The Hermiston Senior Center recently felt the love from a donation from Harley Swain Subaru.

The Hermiston-area car dealership held a "Share The Love" event and presented a check for \$4,814.10 to the Hermiston seniors.

Mike Boedigheimer, Harley Swain general manager, was on hand to present the check from the

customer-selected charity contribution for 2016. Representatives accepting the donation on behalf of the senior center included Audri Crabtree, Perry Hawkins, Julie Rozner, Virginia Beebe and Irene Miller.

The group is excited about the donation, which will go toward the construction project to build a new senior center.

Local Moose receives Pilgrim Degree of Merit

Lewis Martuscelli, a member of Stanfield Lodge No. 920 Loyal Order of Moose, was recently summoned to receive the Pilgrim Degree of Merit.

The highest honor that can be bestowed on a Moose member, the conferral for Martuscelli was held June 3 in the House of God in Mooseheart, Illinois. The degree is currently held by less than one percent of fraternity members. The Pilgrim Degree represents

devotion to the principles and ideals in caring for children and seniors, and is only earned by members who have given years of exceptional service to the Loyal Order of Moose and its philanthropic endeavors.

Established in 1888 by Dr. Henry Wilson, the fraternal organization has a combined membership of more than 1 million members in the Loyal Order of Moose and Women of the Moose, and operates

more than 1,600 centers throughout North America, Great Britain and Bermuda.

Martuscelli will be honored locally Saturday, Aug. 12 at 3 p.m. at the Stanfield Community Center, 225 W. Roosevelt Ave., with a dinner to follow at the lodge, 615 E. Coe Ave., Stanfield. Those planning to attend are asked to RSVP by Aug. 1 by calling 541-449-1157. For more about the organization, visit www.moosintl.org.

Pet of the Week

Cutie Pie

My name says it all, I'm a real treat! If you're looking for a good dog to welcome to your family, come see me at PAWS animal shelter I really need a new home! I'm a Retriever/Labrador mix and I'm just about a year old. I may need a little training to be an indoor pet, but with love and guidance I'll be the perfect companion. I love kids and get along with my sibling Koby. I'm available for adoption Tues-Sat from 12-4pm. My adoption fee is \$130 and includes my spay, micro-chip, first shots and flea treatment.

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