

Special Olympics celebrates athletes, supporters

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A handful of participants and supporters were recognized during the Hermiston/Pendleton Special Olympics Local Program #510 awards event.

Athletes, coaches, volunteers and family members gathered May 23 at The Arc Building in Hermiston to celebrate those who help make the program a success. Among those honored were Coach of the Year, Kris Neustel; Business of the Year, Hermiston Drug & Gift; Volunteer of the Year, Cindy Middleton; Female Athlete of the Year, Jillian Smalley and Male Athlete of the Year, Trampus Jeffreys.

Special Olympics provides year-around athletic training and sports competitions for individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities. To participate, athletes must be age 6 or older. There is no charge to participate.

Local athletes are now focusing on training for golf, bocce and athletics (track and field). In addition,



CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

An awards event honored athletes, volunteers and coaches of Hermiston/Pendleton Special Olympics Local Program #510 May 23 at The Arc Building in Hermiston. Pictured are Kristi Smalley, event announcer; Angela Schneider, local program coordinator, holding her son, Peyton, 16 months; Natalie Adams of Hermiston Drug & Gift; Cindy Middleton, volunteer of the year; head bowling coach Doris Boatright, who awarded Jillian Smalley with female athlete of the year; and Mark Smalley, head basketball coach.

they are collecting pledges for the annual walk-a-thon to help raise money for the local program. The fundraiser is Tuesday, June 20, at 6 p.m. at the track at Armand Larive Middle School, 1497 S.W. Ninth St., Hermiston.

For more information about Special Olympics

programs, call Angela Schneider, local program coordinator, at 541-314-0166.

IN BRIEF

Cello recital features area students

The public is invited to a cello recital featuring students of Loree McKenna.

The free event is Thursday at 7 p.m. at Pendleton Center for the Arts, 214 N. Main St. Matthew Estrada of Hermiston is among the performers.

Pendleton students include Elizabeth Zurbrick, Elijah Spencer, Owen Easley, Sage Wyland, Paige Pitner, Ashtyn Larsen, Caleb Greenhalgh, Caleb Picken, Reilly Lovercheck, Kieric Speakman and Jenna Harrison. Myrna Van Cleave is the accompanist.

In addition, the Umatilla String Quartet will perform. Members are Tyler Simpson, Ithea Engum Corrale, Kristen Gregg and Jenna Harrison. And, a cello quartet will play, which features

Reilly Lovercheck, Caleb Picken, Ashtyn Larsen and Paige Pitner.

For more information, call McKenna at 541-276-4237.

Running Hot and Walking Cold benefits those in need

The Umatilla County Peer Support Network, in conjunction with Lifeways Inc. and Community Partners in Umatilla County, is heading up the Running Hot and Walking Cold 5K/10K run/walk.

In its third year, the event is Saturday, June 17, from 9 a.m. to noon at Riverfront Park and Oxbow Trail, Hermiston. Registration begins at 8 a.m. There is no set fee to participate, but participants are asked to make a donation of sup-

plies for the Hermiston Warming & Cooling Station and Desert Rose Ministries.

Suggested items include cases of water, packaged cookies/crackers, laundry detergent, pre-packaged bleach, oatmeal, disinfectant wipes, paper products, creamer/sugar packets, fruit/soup cups, hand sanitizer, hand soap, playing cards, games, books, non-latex gloves, coloring books, crayons, flashlights, batteries, socks and DVDs.

Donations can be brought the day of the event or can be dropped off at the Hermiston Peer Center at 1195 N. First Place Hermiston. In addition, for donation pick-up, call 541-567-2536 extension 720.

For more information, visit www.eventbrite.com and search "Running Hot and Walking Cold."

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