

# Local Special Olympians bring home medals

HERMISTON HERALD

About three dozen athletes from Hermiston/Pendleton Local Program #510 for Special Olympics participated in basketball competitions March 18 in the Beaverton area.

The 5 v. 5 team coached by Mark Smalley, Jason Bartman and Midge Harris earned gold. The team included Sean Boyd, Jason Cargill, Andrea Eiden, Jose-Angel Ramos, Andi Sue Reid, Mike Saguraro, Rob Stewart, Timothy Tichy and Justin Winter. Also earning a gold medal was the Currents, a 3 v. 3 team of Kristy Barnhill, Jennifer Williams, Marsha Ochoa, Camron Goldie and Willie Bowling.

als were the Lightning, coached by Kris Neustel and Jennifer Reed, and Thunder, coached by Martie McQuain and Kristi Smalley. Lightning team members include Jeremy Dickens, Chris Moore, Steven Reed, Jasiel Tostado and Christina Williams; and the Thunder includes Jonathan Wilson, Daniel Tucker, Jill Smalley, Cassidy McQuain and Jeff McEachran.

Earning a fourth place finish and a sportsmanship award were the Volts, including McKayla Thompson, Valeria Mendez, Vivian McEachran, Kari Hall, John Bryant — under the leadership of coaches Lindy Thompson and Stu Bance.

Rounding out the competition were the six mem-

bers of the Individual Skills Competition team, the Circuits, who are coached by Remick Arey, Ray Trotter and Arta Jones. Jolynn Smutz and Mary Ann Wright earned gold medals; Lyall Arey and Mary Jones received silvers, Misty Larsen garnered a bronze and Jerry Hansen placed fourth.

Special Olympics provides free, year-around training and athletic competitions for people of all ages with intellectual disabilities.

Practice for the summer sports season, which includes track and field events, Bocce and golf, begins in April.

If interested in participating, call Angela Scheider at 541-314-0166.



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The Currents, a 3 v. 3 team from Special Olympics Hermiston/Pendleton Local Program #510, received a gold medal March 18 during competitions held in Beaverton. The team and coach include Cal Harris, Kristy Barnhill, Jennifer Williams, Marsha Ochoa, Camron Goldie, Willie Bowling and Jessica Sexton. For more team photos visit [www.hermistonherald.com](http://www.hermistonherald.com).

## Hermiston goes winless in Spring Break tourney

### Bulldogs faces tough competition in Keizer

HERMISTON HERALD

KEIZER — In the first day of the Volcano Stadium Tourney at Salem-Keizer Volcanoes Stadium, the Hermiston Bulldogs were handed a 15-3 loss to a tough 6A opponent.

The McNary Celtics out of the Greater Valley Conference took control of the game early, building up a 5-0 lead after the first three innings. Jacob Jackson's two-RBI double in the third highlighted McNary's early efforts.

Hermiston's scoring would come later. After reaching base only four times in the first four innings, the Bulldogs finally got on the board in the fifth.

Joey Gutierrez was Hermiston's leadoff hitter, and reached first on a single to third base.

Brylee Dufloth followed with a line drive and was safe thanks to an error, which also gave Gutierrez time to get to third.

Next with Jordan Ramirez at the plate, Dufloth stole second and Gutierrez made it home for the first run of the inning. Ramirez grounded out to shortstop when Dufloth recorded the second run to cut the deficit to 5-2.

But the Celtics ran away with the game in the seventh, scoring 10 runs. Seth Prewitt was able to get the Bulldogs out of the inning, catching a pop fly and inducing a fly out to first base but the damage was already done.

Hermiston scored a lone run in the bottom of the seventh off a sacrifice fly from Trevor Wagner but it was too little too late.

Lukas Tolan ended up taking the loss on Day 1 of the three-day affair after giving up two hits and five runs in 3 1/3 innings of work. Tolan struck out four.

In Day 2, Hermiston's woes continued but instead of the 15-3 defeat Thursday, this loss would come by a lone run scored in the bottom of the seventh inning by Aloha — a 6A team out of the Metro League.

It was a pitchers duel with Hermiston being the only team to get one base with a hit. The efforts were from a lone batter, Wyatt Noland.

Noland went 2-for-3 on the day, and gave the Bulldogs two good opportunities to get on board.

In the fourth, Noland doubled on a fly ball to center field but was left stranded.

Again in the seventh as the leadoff hitter, Noland reached first on a ground ball to left field but Hermiston couldn't capitalize.

This left the Warriors one final chance in the bottom of the inning, and they took it.

After batters at the bottom and the top of Aloha's lineup reached base on errors, Travis Helm was intentionally walked. The next batter also got to first on a walk, which advanced all runners giving the Warriors the walk-off run.

Noland was given the loss after coming in for relief of Dufloth.

In the final day of play, things were looking promising for the Bulldogs.

On Saturday, Hermiston was up 3-0 early against Aloha.

The early lead was capped off with a two-RBI single off the bat of Tolan that scored Dufloth and Landon Jones.

But the Warriors began to chip away at their deficit and ended up taking the game, 12-6, after an eight-run sixth inning. Until that

point the Warriors had only four hits to their name.

Caden Schwirse was given the loss after toeing the rubber for 4 1/3 innings, allowing six hits off six runs and striking out two.

In Game 2 versus McNary, Hermiston didn't have enough offense to keep up with the Celtics as the Bulldogs had just two runs and two hits in a 12-2 loss. Noland took the loss after pitching one inning of relief and allowing three hits and four runs while striking out one and walking zero.

Noland was Hermiston's top hitter on the day with two hits and two runs scored, while Tolan had two RBI.

The Bulldogs sit at 2-6 after the tough weekend of play, and returned to the diamond Tuesday for a doubleheader against La Grande. Results from both games were not available at press time.

### SCHEDULE

#### Local slate

- PREP BASEBALL**  
**Friday**  
 Burns at Stanfield (DH), 1 p.m.  
 Umatilla at Irrigon (DH), 1 p.m.  
 Heritage (WA) at Hermiston (DH), 2 p.m.  
 Riverside at Nyssa (DH), 2 p.m.
- PREP SOFTBALL**  
**Thursday**  
 Umatilla at Echo, 4 p.m.  
 Riverside at Pilot Rock, 4:30 p.m.  
**Friday**  
 Sherwood at Hermiston, 4 p.m.  
 Irrigon at Hood River JV, 4 p.m.  
**Saturday**  
 Enterprise at Echo (DH), 11 a.m.  
 Hermiston at Central Catholic (DH), 12:30 p.m.
- PREP TRACK & FIELD**  
**Friday**  
 Riverside, Umatilla, Stanfield, Heppner, Pilot Rock, Arlington at Riverside Relays, 4:30 p.m.  
**Saturday**  
 Hermiston at Davis (WA) Invitational, 10 a.m.  
 Pendleton, Mac-Hi, Umatilla, Riverside, Weston-McEwen, Pilot Rock, Helix at Mac-Hi Carnival of Speed, 11 a.m.
- PREP GOLF**  
**Friday**  
 Hermiston at Eagle Crest Resort, 8:30 a.m.
- PREP TENNIS**  
**Wednesday**  
 The Dalles at Hermiston (boys), 4 p.m.  
 Hermiston (girls) at The Dalles, 4 p.m.  
**Thursday**  
 Weston-McEwen at Stanfield, 3:30 p.m.  
**Friday**  
 Mac-Hi at Riverside, 3:30 p.m.  
 Condon/Wheeler, Stanfield at Umatilla, 3:30 p.m.  
**Saturday**  
 Riverside at Helix, noon

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