

Special Olympics cashes in with comedy festival

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Organizers with Hermiston/Pendleton Special Olympics Local Program No. 510 might not be laughing on their way to the bank, but they certainly have bright smiles on their faces.

Kristi Smalley, the nonprofit organization's communications manager, said it recently received a major boost in funding, thanks to Midway Bar & Grill. Owner Stuart Rice handed more than \$3,500 — proceeds from the 2022 Melonville Comedy Festival — to help support the local program.

When the comedy festival started nearly three decades ago, it served as a fundraiser for the Umatilla County Fair. However, after the fair board discontinued its involvement, Warren Smith, who had coordinated the event as a fair board member, continued to bring the national comedy acts to Hermiston as a fundraiser for the local Special Olympics program.

When Smith stepped back several years ago, Rice, whose establishment had been providing bar service for the event, increased his involvement.

"I think this is an important event in raising money for our local Special Olympics athletes," Rice said.

Smalley said the money comes just

in time to help support local athletes as they return to in-person training for bowling. Training sessions for Hermiston-based athletes begin Friday, March 11, 10-11:30 a.m. at Desert Lanes Family Fun Center, 1545 N. First St., Hermiston, and Pendleton-area athletes will practice Saturday, March 12, 10-11:30 a.m. at Quaking Aspens Lanes at the Wildhorse Family FunPlex, Mission.

Athletes must have a new medical form and COVID-19 waiver form completed before participating. The first 40 athletes who register and submit forms can participate.

"The local program is very appreciative of the donation from Stuart Rice and looks forward to training after a two-year hiatus," Smalley said.

Special Olympics provides year-round training and athletic competitions for people of all ages with intellectual disabilities. There is no charge for athletes to participate.

For more information about Special Olympics Oregon, including forms, search www.soor.org. For questions about participating or volunteering locally in the Hermiston/Pendleton area, call/text Angela Schneider, local program coordinator, at 541-314-0166 or search www.facebook.com/hermistonpendleton.



Kristi Smalley/Contributed Photo
Mary Jones, a local Special Olympics athlete, accepts a check from Stuart Rice. The owner of Hermiston's Midway Bar & Grill donated proceeds from the Melonville Comedy Festival, held Jan. 28, 2022, to Hermiston/Pendleton Special Olympics Local Program No. 510.

BRIEFING

Catholic Daughters to award scholarships

A pair of \$750 undergraduate scholarships will be awarded by Catholic Daughters of America, Court No.1692. To be eligible, students must be graduating or recently graduated high school seniors from Our Lady of Angels Parish in Hermiston.

Applications are available at the church office, 565 W. Hermiston Ave. The office is open Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. (closed from noon to 1 p.m. on Tuesdays and Thursdays) or email a request to Delia Fields, vice-regent, at dorranfields@gmail.com.

Completed applications must be submitted to the church by April 7. Scholarship recipients will be notified by mid-May and then celebrated at the baccalaureate Mass later in the spring. For questions, call Fields at 541-571-4219.

Cattle Barons seek agricultural scholarship applicants

Applications are being accepted for the Pendleton Cattle Barons Weekend scholarship program. In addition, a Protect the Harvest scholarship also will be awarded.

Applicants must be or plan to be enrolled in undergraduate or graduate programs in the pursuit of agri-

cultural-related careers. To be eligible, students must be from an Eastern Oregon county, including Umatilla and Morrow. Applications must be submitted by April 1.

Established in 2008, Pendleton Cattle Barons Weekend was created as a nonprofit entity to showcase western heritage. The purpose of the event is to raise money to provide scholarships for the next generation to keep the tradition alive.

This year's event is April 29-30, in and around the Pendleton Convention Center. It features the Stock Saddle Bronc Championships, Ranch Rodeo, Western Select Invitational Ranch Horse and Working Stock Dog Sale, Tradin' Post Trade Show and Western Artistry Show and the Buckaroo BBQ Challenge.

For more information about the event or a scholarship application, search www.cattlebarons.net. For questions about the scholarship program, contact Nick Michael at 509-240-5841 or nicholas.j.michael1981@gmail.com.

Good Shepherd auxiliary offers scholarships

The Good Shepherd Medical Center Auxiliary is accepting applications for \$2,000 college scholarships for the 2022-23 school year.

To be eligible, students

must have completed at least one successful year of study in the medical field at a college or university. In addition, applicants must have a home residence within the areas served by Good Shepherd Health Care System, including Hermiston, Boardman, Echo, Irrigon, Stanfield or Umatilla.

College transcripts must accompany the completed application. Scholarships will be awarded contingent upon acceptance into a medical program.

Applications can be obtained at the Education Department at Good Shepherd Medical Center, 610 N.W. 11th St., Hermiston, or by contacting Lena Ray, scholarship chairperson, at 541-564-2514 or lena1104ken@centurylink.net.

Completed applications must be received by April 29. Mail application packet to: Auxiliary Scholarship Committee, % Lena Ray, 830 S.E. Eighth St., Hermiston, OR 97838.

Library district seeks public input

The Umatilla County Special Library District is conducting a community needs assessment.

The purpose of the project is to gather qualitative information, data and statistics about the makeup and needs of the residents of the library district to inform

future goals and efforts. In addition to providing information for the UCSLD Strategic Plan, it will be shared with its members and partner libraries to provide current data for their planning.

The assessment will explore demographic information related to Umatilla County as a whole, in addition to the characteristics and needs of current library users who reside within the special library district's ser-

vice area. The study will identify populations who may not be utilizing public library services.

The information will be collected through online and paper surveys that individuals can complete anonymously. In addition, Erin McCusker, library district director, will be conducting one-on-one interviews with community members.

Input from the public is critical to determine the

future of public library services whether you use a public library or not. Knowing the needs of local residents helps the district in focusing its services to continually improve.

To complete the assessment, visit forms.office.com/r/MKWRddQKQU. The survey will be open until April 1. For questions, contact McCusker at director@ucsld.org.

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