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Competing in the Pacific Northwest

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My journey to Seattle, all started back in October of 2017 when I was practicing bowling for sectionals when almost my entire family came unexpected to the bowling alley. I thought to myself 'what are they doing here? Must've come to see me practice. How good of a bowler am I?' Then my co-main coaches, Eva & Marci had me and my other KCSO comrades stop for a moment to a life changing announcement that for the first time an athlete from KCSO was selected to compete at the special Olympics USA games in Seattle Washington. That lucky athlete was (drum roll please) me! OMG, alert the presses!

Anyway, that explains why everyone from my grandmothers, siblings, brother in law, nephews came to the bowling alley. I was really surprised and honored to be the chosen one. I was on WSPY being interviewed about representing team Illinois at the USA games which was held from July 1 through July 7. I had the introduction meeting at Special Olympics headquarters in Bloomington IL where the state summer games are held. Gene Stephens talked to Jackie Eade of the YMCA about getting me a membership and I was very grateful they did that. That November I began my training for the games by mostly working out on the treadmill and drinking fresh juices from my Jack Lalane power juicer.

After months of training and fundraising to help support me and my family as well to get to Seattle Washington, it was time for me to fly to Seattle for the USA games along with the other Illinois athletes and coaches.

After arriving in Seattle we rode on a special train from the airport to a shuttle bus and then to our dorms. The opening ceremonies at Husky Stadium was a real awesome moment



Brandon Sanmann earned gold in shot put while competing at Special Olympics in Seattle, WA

walking into the stadium, hearing the crowd was a life changing experience for me. Oh, did I mention it was broadcast live on ESPN?!

I got to see Allen Stone performing warriors, Marshmellow (a renowned DJ), WWE's Stephanie McMahon all talk to the crowd and help light the torch. I watched some of my teammates compete in their events later that day. I visited the space needle and then downtown where we found an entire wall of chewed bubblegum, weird.

The next day I competed in the 200m run, finishing in 4th place. Later I took home the gold in shotput, which was the proudest moment in my Special Olympics career. This was the best day of my life! I was tickled to death with my day and my family and friends were so proud of me.

I competed in the mini javelin and the 4x4 relay, I took silver in both of these events, not

a bad days work. Later in the day I went and saw the Seattle Mariners play baseball which was a cool thing to do.

Friday, everybody was all finished with their events along with the other 4,000 athletes with their sporting competition and later that night all the athletes went to Lake Union Park for the closing ceremonies.

The closing ceremonies were a blast and the celebration was great. Saturday it was back to Illinois, but that was one week I will always remember.

I want to give an Olympic sized thank you to my head coach, Tara Murphy and assistants Matt Nelson and Craig Ameel, plus my teammates: Allison, Amy, Bobby, Chris, John, Keisha, Lauren, Riley, Samuel and Susan for the time together with each other.

That's my story on competing in the Pacific Northwest Special Olympic Games.

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Sign Language Performance Set for Talent Show 8/2/19

Beth Martini

Contributing writer

Gene Stephens is teaching us sign language and we are doing a sign-sinc song. We are doing the song "A Thousand Years" by Christina Perri.

He is teaching us a lot of signs when we practice out song. It makes me happy that Jennifer and Laurie are doing the song too. Laurie is so cool. Gene is a good teacher and he is teaching the staff sign language too.

Christina Perri's song "A Thousand Years" won the BMI Pop Awards Song of the Year for the 2013 award ceremony.

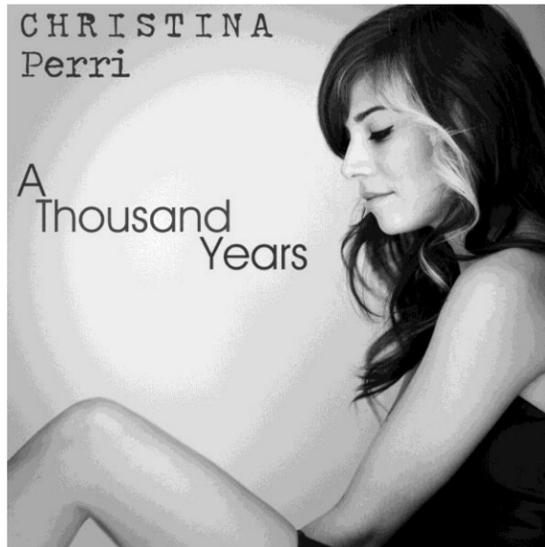
The performance can be seen on Friday August 2nd, 2019 from 9:30am to 1:30pm at Sandwich Fair Grounds Grey demonstration building.

There will be many singing performances, dancing and a drum solo!

Lots to be seen, come out and see it, there will be a lunch of hotdogs and chips following the show.



American Sign Language or ASL is taught at Open Door to the clients every Thursday.



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Just wanted to let you know...

Evelyn Sypien

Contributing writer

Elaine is a great staff member.

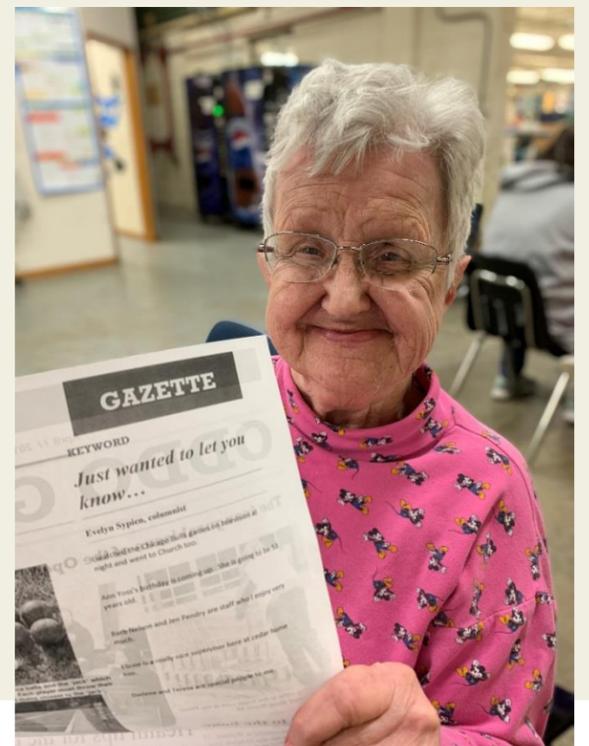
I watched the Cubs the other night

I love bowling.

The parade was a lot of fun.

I like the senior center.

The staff at the senior center are great.



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People let me tell you 'bout my Best Friend

Brooke Schumaker

Contributing writer

When I met Beth Martini at Open Door she became my best friend. We became best friends fast. Now we hang out with each other and sit by each other at lunch time and we go on activities with each other.

Now we give each other stuff and I call Beth every day on the phone and we talk to each other. Beth is not a mean person and is a nice friend. Now she drinks water instead of pop and Beth is really trying to get me to drink more water.



Brooke giving a shout out to her best friend, Beth Martini at the workshop.

The History of July 4th in the United States of America

David Schoeffler

Contributing writer

On July 4th, we became Americans; no longer British subjects. A committee of men were appointed to write it. They were Benjamin Franklin, Phil Livingston, John Adams, Roger Sherman, and Thomas Jefferson. Thomas Jefferson wrote all of the Declaration by himself even though others did give suggestions on the wording of it.

On July 4th, John Adams thought July 2nd would be a great day for the Americans. John Adams was off by two days and not all the delegations were present on July 4th since some of them just got there on July 4th. July 1st, 1776 congress took up the debate of the issue of freedom or staying an English colony. On a vote, 12 to nothing with one absent,

which was NY because the delegates were not told how to vote on the subject. On July 9th NY voted "Yes" on the issue. This made it 13-0. On July 4th, 1776 the delegates of the congress was read the text of the Declaration. Congress removed 630 words and added 146 to the document. And one of the things that got taken out was that King George 111 was a tyrant. Even though that was added again because everyone agreed with that.

All delegates were happy with the way it was written. On July 4th 1776, 12 of the 13 colonies adopted the final draft of the declaration. Most Americans think that all the delegates signed it that day; no. This did NOT happen. The only people who signed it was John Hancock, because he was the president of the second continental congress and Charles

Thompson who was the secretary of the congress. It was then sent to the printers to print copies of the Declaration to all the colonies. It came to congress on August 2nd. All who were in Philadelphia signed it. George Washington had it read to the continental army.

It is housed now in the national archives in Washington DC so all can read it. This is how we became the United States of America. By a vote of 13-0 congress passed that instead of saying we were the united colonies. Another event that happened on July 4th was we had 2 of our president's die; John Adams and Thomas Jefferson. They died within hours of each other on the 50th anniversary of the adoption of the Declaration of Independence. Calvin Coolidge was born on July 4th 1872. West point was opened on July 4th 1802. Alaska and Hawaii's stars were added to the flag on July 4th 1959.



Open Door Clients walking the parade route on July 6th, 2019.

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Celebrating and Giving Back with a Charity Car Wash

Lots of fun was had by all

Rachel Newnam

Contributing writer

On July 6, 2019 Aktion Club of Open Door we did the 4th of July parade. Some walk and pass out candy, ODDO tattos, and Flyers about the go baby go car wash. Some other people rode on the float and waved. After the parade we went and wash people car and sold hot dogs, chips and pop. We made 600\$ for go baby go! I had a lot of fun doing the parade and the Go Baby Go car wash.

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The History of the Hound Dog

Adam Ferge

Contributing writer

They assist hunters by identifying their pry. They were the first hunting dogs. They have powerful sense of smell and great speed. There are 3 types of hounds, but several breeds in between. Some are scent hounds who go by scents, and some are sight hounds who go by sight.

One theory of the long droopy ears is they help collect the scent and keep it close to the nose. Longer nasal cavities helps them smell better. Their loose moist lips are said to assist entrapping scent particles. They have deep, booming voices, when following a scent.

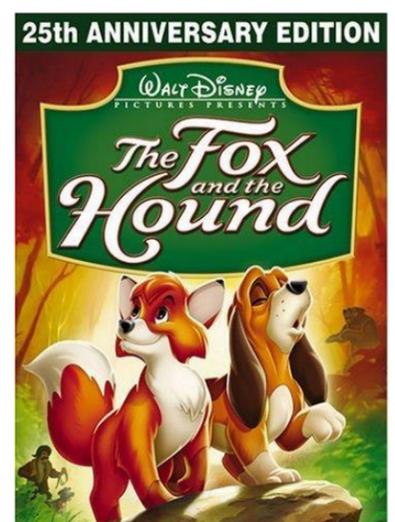


Image on left shows Adam's family dog. Image above shows a hound dog depicted in The Fox and the Hound

