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TONY MITCHELL AND ABBEY KORNIS OF LEE'S SUMMIT NAMED MR. AND MS. SPECIAL OLYMPICS MISSOURI

(Jefferson City) Tony Mitchell and Abbey Kornis were recently awarded the title of Mr. and Ms. Special Olympics Missouri (SOMO). Nominations for the awards were submitted by coaches, families, and other interested parties. Winners were selected during the State Basketball Championships and will be recognized at the Missouri Basketball Coaches Association Banquet on April 18th at 1pm. Finalists included, Simon Caldwell from Savannah, John Hughes from St. Joseph, Carissa Myers from Parkville, and Joy Shull from Lee's Summit.

The Mr. and Ms. SOMO winners are:

MR. SOMO: TONY MITCHELL, LEE'S SUMMIT

Tony Mitchell, a Lee's Summit North High School student, is a committed athlete who never misses a season or a practice. He is always smiling and encouraging his teammates to be the best, never giving up or getting discouraged, no matter the score. As well as being a Special Olympics athlete, Tony also is a manager for the Lee's Summit North High School boys basketball team. Tony is a hard worker and it shows on and off of the basketball court.

MS. SOMO: ABBEY KORNIS, LEE'S SUMMIT

Being the shortest player as well as the only girl on the team has caused Abbey to overcome many odds on the way to becoming a team player. Abbey Kornis, a Pleasant Lea Middle School student, is a team player with a positive attitude who refuses to give up. On and off the court, she always displays the best attitude and always has good sportsmanship. Abbey never misses a practice and never gives up!

The Lee's Summit R-7 School District Special Olympics program offers 7 sports (bowling, basketball, track & field, bocce, swimming, tennis and soccer) for eligible students who are 8 years and older. They also offer a Young Athlete program for 3 – 7 year olds. For more information on how to get involved as an athlete or volunteer please contact Dawn Jones at 816-210-7366 or pentrust_dawn@comcast.net.

For information about Special Olympics Missouri or Mr. and Ms. SOMO Awards, please contact Mandi Mueller at 1-800-846-2682 or Dawn Jones 816-210-7366.

Special Olympics Missouri is a year-round program of sports training and athletic competition for children and adults with mental disabilities. More than 15,000 athletes participate in 21 Olympic-type sports throughout the state. Special Olympics provides people with mental disabilities continuing opportunities to develop fitness, demonstrate courage, and experience joy as they participate in the sharing of gifts and friendship with their fellow athletes, their family and friends and communities across Missouri.

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