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# Madison County Special Olympics News



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## Madison Co. Management Team

### County Coordinator

Robert (Bob) Helvering

### Asst. County Coordinator

Ed Castellano

### Treasurer

Karen Lumpkin

### Secretary

Pamela (Kelly) Novotney

### Sports Coordinator

Clay Sexton

### Utility Player

Debra (Debbie) Martin

### Volunteer Coordinator

Brenda Gouker

### Athlete Representative

Derek Thurber

### Athlete Leadership Coordinator

Dusty Smith

## Looking Forward

Social gathering on February  
15 at 3:00 to watch the Carl  
Erskine movie and have some  
snacks.

## A Tribute to Carl Erskine

was very successful financially and a wonderful tribute to Carl.  
Our county raised \$31,080.51, and with Craig & Sue Smith's donation of  
\$25,000, we collected over \$55,000.00

A video recording of the program is available for purchase for \$11.00  
Please email us at the address listed on the left if you would like one.

## Christmas Party

For current athletes, volunteers and their guests

December 14, 6-9 p.m.

Chesterfield Christian Church

207 E Plum St

We will have chicken and noodles, green beans, mashed potatoes,  
and a roll for dinner with lemonade and water to drink. If you don't  
like this selection, you can bring your own food that evening.

We are also having a gift exchange for **ANYONE** who would like to  
participate. It's a \$10 limit per gift. If you are a male, you buy a male  
gift. If you are a female, you buy a female gift.

**YOU MUST RSVP** BY CALLING 765-621-5257 (KELLY) or if you  
have any questions or would like to donate anything to this party.

(We need a head count for food.)

**There may be a special guest attending as well, so we hope to  
see you there!!**

## Athlete Council **STILL NEEDS YOU!!!**

Lets welcome **Andrew Youngdale** as our new  
**Vice-Chair** of the Athlete Leadership Council!  
Stay tuned for an email on their next sched-  
uled meeting. You all need each other, so  
come together and lets us hear you.

## Sports Offered

Basketball

Bocce

Bowling

Corn Toss

Distance Run & Walk

Equestrian

Fitness Club

Flag Football

Golf

Power Lifting

Swimming

Track & Field



# GROWING MCSO

Please help us **grow our county program!!** You can help by **verbally telling** others about MCSO, **tagging us** on Facebook, especially while sharing about an event you are attending with our county or state, **sharing** our newsletters, emails and social media posts to those who don't currently receive them. We are always needing volunteers as well. Thank You for helping us spread the word!

## CHECK OUT THE NEW STATE AND COUNTY WEBSITES

You can now access our newsletter and other important information via Special Olympics of Indiana website or you can go directly to our page by typing in <https://soindiana.org/county/madison/>

## EQUESTRIAN HORSE SHOW

Our equestrian team put on a horse show on Sunday, November 3 at Moon Rise Farms in Alexandria. They were not able to participate in the state tournament this year, so this gave the athletes a chance to show off their skills. Everyone did a great job!

## STATE BOWLING TOURNAMENT

We had two unified teams, 4 ramp athletes, and 10 singles athletes participate in the state bowling tournament in Indianapolis on December 7-8. One unified team got silver and the other got 4th place. For singles there were 3 gold medals, 1 silver, 4 bronze and 1 6th place. For ramps we had 3 gold medals and 1 4th place ribbon. Congratulations to all of our bowlers!! Great job!!

## Upcoming Events

- **Madison County Monthly Meeting**— the second Monday of each month, unless decided otherwise. These are ZOOM meetings, so if you would like to attend, please reach out to Bob or a management team member for details on joining any meeting.
- **Bowling State tournament**— Dec 7-8 in Indianapolis
- **Christmas Party**— Dec 14th, 6-9 p.m. at Chesterfield Christian Church

## Regular Practices

- **Distance Run & Walk and Fitness Club**— Tuesdays 6-7 p.m. at Anderson University Kardatzky Wellness Center upper track
- **Swimming**— Tuesdays and Thursdays at AU Natatorium 7-8 p.m.
- **Basketball**—Ravens practice on Tuesdays, 7-8:30 p.m. at InerG Impact
- Mustangs and Rising Stars practice on Thursdays, 6:30-8 p.m. at InerG Impact
- 3-on-3 practice on Sundays, 2-3 p.m. at Park Place Community Center
- Skills practice on Sundays, 2-3 p.m. at Park Place Community Center
- Hawks practice on Sundays, 3-4 p.m. at Park Place Community Center

\*Please refer to our emails for updates and important events, etc. These dates, times and info are current at the time of sending out, but they can change at any time. If they do, we will inform those who need to know as soon as we have that information.

# HAVE A GREAT DAY!!

# Cameron Warriner

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## Athlete Spotlight



**How long have you been in MCSO, and what was your first sport you participated in?** 2 years ago, back in 2022. Bowling was the first one I participated in. I'm loyal to Madison Co! Of course, I used to participate in Orange Co while living in Orlando, Florida. Back when I attended school, bowling was my first sport when I was a kid.

**What is your favorite sport?** Bowling and Basketball

**What sport would you like MCSO to have that our county doesn't currently participate in?** Tennis

**What is your favorite food/s?** Too many favorites. I cant just choose. There's just too many of them.

**What is your favorite color?** Red

**Is there anything else you would like others to know about you?** Yes, they should know about me, I'm autistic. Also, I'm the most popular bowling player ever!!

## **MCSO SOCIAL GATHERING, UPDATE**

Our next social gathering will be on February 15, 2025 at 3:00. We will be viewing Carl's movie, *The Best We've Got: The Carl Erskine Story*. It will take place at North-view Church in Anderson. If you have already seen it, come and watch again! There is so much to see! If you haven't seen it, you **HAVE TO SEE IT!!** Watch those emails for further updates. If you would like to donate drinks or snacks, please reach out to Kelly at 765-621-5257

## **ARE YOU A REGISTERED VOLUNTEER?**

We could always use help with each of our sports. We especially need help with TRACK and FIELD 2025. You would have such a great time and be able to attend Summer Games for the weekend at no cost to you. Please email us at address listed on first page.

Parents/guardians/staff—you are able to help your athlete as well; all you have to do is register to become a volunteer. Our goal is to NEVER turn away an athlete due to lack of support, but it does happen due to lack of volunteers.

## **Athlete Leadership Coordinator**

Special Olympics Indiana has created a new position for all county management teams. This position for our county will be filled by Dusty Smith. Dusty has been with us since Spring Sports 2024. She coached shot put and running long jump and went to Summer Games in Terre Haute to support her athletes. She has been a great volunteer since then, always willing to help and to step up to support our county in any way that she can. She also attended Athlete Leadership University with Hanna Smith this fall as her mentor. We look forward to what she brings to our county in this new position.

**WELCOME, DUSTY!!**

## **POLAR PLUNGE**

Want to have fun and help raise money for our program? Join our Polar Plunge Team—Carl's Crew!! We are participating in two plunges this year! You can do either one or both!! Email us for more info. The dates and locations are:

Ball State University

Sat., Feb. 1 12:00 Noon

Lafollette Field

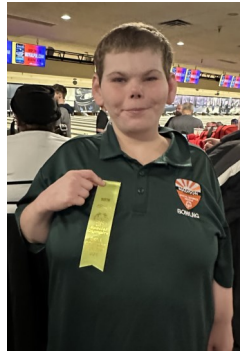
Butler University

Sat., Feb. 8 11:00 a.m.

Health & Recreation Complex

# Photo Gallery

## State Bowling



## Equestrian Horse Show

