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Special Olympics Hiles, Dummitt, Goff, London Eagles honored

These Tigers were certainly on the prowl for Special Olympics excellence.

Recently, the Madison County Special Olympics Program – affiliated with the Madison County Board of Developmental Disabilities – announced the winners of its annual recognition awards. The awards are voted on by the Special Olympics athletes themselves, as well as staff and community people who are involved with the program.

In 2009, many Madison County Tigers sports teams relied on contributions from Paul Hiles.

The Special Olympics athlete responded -- coming up big in all he tried.

It's that well-rounded year that earned Hiles Athlete of the Year honors.

Whether it was spiking the ball across the volleyball net, or grabbing an important rebound under the basket, Hiles had made great strides this year.

"He has bounced back from adversity this year and shown great maturity with his decision making," said Lincoln Comer, Madison County Board of DD Recreation Coordinator. "Paul has also proven himself to be a versatile and positive athlete who is a total team player."

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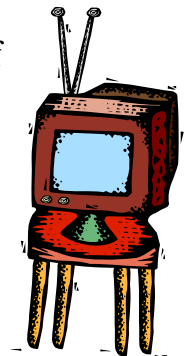


Madison County Special Olympics recently recognized individuals for their exemplary contributions to the program. Among this year's recipients were (from left) Michael Long (accepting for London Eagles), Terry Goff (Volunteer of the Year), Caternia Dummitt (Coach of the Year), and Paul Hiles (Athlete of the Year).

Emergency Closings Information

The following radio and television stations will broadcast if any aspects of the program are closed (or delayed) due to inclement weather:

- WTVN (610AM) ... WNCI (97.9FM)**
- WCOL (92.3FM) ... The FOX (105.7FM)**
- WSNY (94.7FM) ... WCHM (Channel 4)**
- WBNS (Channel 10)**



Fairhaven School

Little Shavers

In the midst of the cold weather outside, Fairhaven School students found a way to 'skate' in the warmth.

In early February, a group of BOLD (Building Our Lives Drug-Free) students from London Junior High School made their annual trip to Fairhaven to ice skate in shaving cream with the preschoolers.

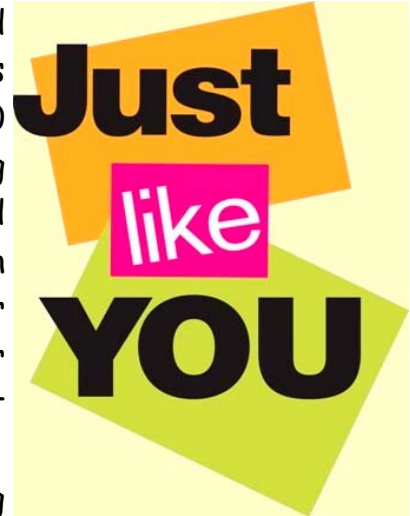
Each class took its turn and had a great time skating and sliding in the Fairhaven Gymnasium — as can be seen by the expression on the faces of Tyce Portman (upper right), Madison Adkins (lower left), and Devin Fraley (lower right).

BOLD returns in the Spring for another fun day at Fairhaven.



Come celebrate DD Awareness Month with us

On Thursday, March 11th, the Madison County Board of DD will be holding its annual Appreciation and Awards Dinner at Fairhaven School. This marks year number 20 this event has been held to recognize outstanding contributions made by individuals, businesses and organizations. We hope everyone can attend. Registration deadline is February 26th. Please send/bring in your reservation form to the MCBDD Administration Office, or if you did not receive a form, simply call Betsy Dodds at 740-852-7050.



Additionally, if you are interested in nominating anyone for an award, those forms are also due to the MCBDD Administrative Office by February 26th. Among the categories of recognition are — Consumer, MCBDD Staff Member, Parent/Family Member, Organization/Agency, Advocate, Individual, and Public Awareness/Service.

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Included in Hiles' many athletic accomplishments were a silver medal at the 2009 Area 6 bowling tournament, averaged almost five points and four rebounds for the Tigers DII Final Four basketball squad, served as a key player for the 2009 unified volleyball team which earned a bronze medal at the 2009 Area 6 tournament, and a .875 hitter for the Tigers' traditional softball team.

The energetic leadership of Caternia Dummitt has kept many Special Olympics athletes on track this past year. Selected Coach of the Year to recognize her efforts, Dummitt led her track athletes to a number of meets to make sure they were well-prepared for the Summer Games.

"This spring Caternia brought her high-octane positive energy back to the track athletes of Madison County," Comer said of Dummitt. "In her second year as track coach she taught the athletes the importance of fun, team camaraderie and how to stay focused during competition."

With the many volunteers the Madison County Special Olympics program relies on every day, Terry Goff has stood out as a quiet leader. From being a timekeeper for basketball games to being an assistant coach for the traditional softball team to taking the field as a partner for the unified softball squad, Goff has shown why he is a great choice for Volunteer of the Year.

"Terry may seem like the quiet type, but when it comes to volunteer work, his efforts speak volumes," Comer said of Goff. "Quality volunteers like Mr. Goff are a necessity to run an elite Special Olympics program."

This year, for just the second time, Madison County Special Olympics honored an organization which has offered support to enhance the program. This year's recipient is London Eagles #950.

This 2009, through the support of the London Eagles, it was possible for the Madison County Unified Volleyball team to attend the USA National Volleyball Tournament. The event was held in Minneapolis, Minnesota.

"The London Eagles #950 have always been a perennial aid for our county's program and 2009 was no different," Comer said. "Through their generosity our athletes were afforded the opportunity to compete and were rewarded with the memory of a lifetime."

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**Madison County Board of DD
Monthly Board Update
by Betsy Dodds**

- The Regular Monthly Board Meeting was held Thursday, January 21, 2010 at the Administrative Office. Board members attending were Tonya Keaton, Blaine Brockman, Julie Brand, Sue Mosier, and Mary Hopkins.
- The Board approved to keep the existing slate of officers for 2010. They are: Tonya Keaton (President), Blaine Brockman (Vice President), and Julie Brand (Secretary).
- The Board established the Board Committees for 2010 — Buildings and Grounds, Personnel/Finance and Future Planning, and Ethics Council.
- The Board approved the 1.3 mill levy as a renewal to be placed on the May ballot.
- The Board adopted the 2010 Capital Fund Budget and the 2010 Support Fund Fairways COG Budget.
- The Board approved the Family Resource allocation recommendation of \$1.500 per family for calendar year 2010.
- The Board approved to continue participation in all applicable Federal, State, and Local programs for 2010.
- The Board set the twentieth annual Appreciation Night for Thursday, March 11, 2010.
- The next Regular Monthly Board Meeting of the Madison County Board of DD for the 2010 calendar year will be held Thursday, February 18, 2010 at the Administrative Office.

Tigers Hoops Prepare for Tournament

Both the Tigers DII and DIV teams prepare for the postseason tournament by playing tough competition along the way.

Tiger athletes (like Shawn Stewart, pictured) do their best to sharpen their skills before the games leading to the state title begin. Tune in to the March 2010 edition of *The Madison Express* for results.



2010 Board-adopted meetings

**January 21
February 18
March 18
April 15
May 20
June 17
No July Meeting
August 19
September 16
October 21
November 18
December 16**