



### Charlie Vines Named Area 14 Volunteer of the Year



Charlie Vines has worked with Special Olympics for seven years and served as webmaster for two. The bowling head coach organizes some 50 athletes every week. In addition, he travels to national competitions such as the NIT in Nevada.

Vines also works with athletes in softball, swimming, volleyball and basketball. Caitlin Marcotte, Loudoun County Special Olympics Coordinator said, "Without his enthusiasm and talent, our program would not be at the caliber it is today. The athletes admire and look to Charlie not only as a coach, but as a role model and mentor."

### Veteran Bowlers Win National Invitational

Russell Turner and Amy Jo Heying teamed with coaches Charlie Vines and Sue Sedlazeck at the NIT held in Reno, Nevada. The four-man unified team won bronze by two pins.



Doubles competition followed on the second day, with Turner and Sedlazeck rolling to victory over Pennsylvania to win gold. The margin of victory was just eight pins. Heying and Vines earned the silver. "The teams were very evenly matched, and each medal was hard-earned," said Sedlazeck. "In the end, it came down to the experience of our athletes, who never faltered under pressure."



### Winter Championships

Five teams competed in Sterling with bowlers throughout Virginia. Sally Marshall and Mary Ewell won silver; Jenna VanDenburgh and Cassie Hutson won bronze. Teammates Amy Loudenback and Warren Carter also won bronze. Lauren Oakley and Josh Huston finished fourth. Robert Kaylor and Tracey Caynor came in fifth.

## Calendar

For more information, visit [www.loudounspecialolympics.org](http://www.loudounspecialolympics.org)



### Sunday, July 4th

Wear your medals and march in the Leesburg Independence Day Parade. Meet at Ida Lee Park Entrance at 1:00pm.



### Monday, August 2

Bob Evans Restaurant Community Fun Night to benefit Loudoun SO. Leesburg Outlet Mall. 5pm to 9pm. Bring flyer from Web site above.



# Basketball

## Little Wizards



The **Little Wizards** had a blast this year. They dribbled, passed, and shot the ball into eight-foot baskets while running and sometimes skipping down the court. Coach Stephanie Smith was assisted by many volunteers.



## Gentle Giants

Fan favorite, the **Gentle Giants**, wowed the crowd on the half-court. Adam Bell, Danny Tabler, Chris Bloch, Eric Radloff, Greg Hicks and John Vines took turns on the three man squad. Coaches Krisztina Scherer (front cover, top left) and Neale Ferguson brought out the best in the team.



## Mavericks

The **Mavericks, Rebels and Thunder** generated excitement this season. But when athletes from these teams came together as one at states, they played like a dream team.

Coaches Bill Brichoux and Jeff Erikson led the state team Rebels: Scott Brawley, Jonny Curtis, Evan Sisto, Zach Steinbach, Adam Gold, DJ Cashman, Forrest Holbert, Remi Elliott and Steven Bagot.



## Rebels

The team fell behind 10 points to Virginia Beach in the silver medal round. "Let's go Rebels!"

**The crowd let out a rebel yell and the team battled back.**



With 11 seconds on the clock and down by one, they got the ball back a full court away from the basket. The coaches called time and set the play.

## Thunder

Holbert inbounded the ball to Bagot, who dribbled the length of the court. Brawley flashed to the post, caught a perfect pass, pivoted to his left, dribbled and made a layup!

The Fun Bunch and the Terminators swarmed them with congratulatory back slaps and high fives. The Rebels celebrated their come from behind win for silver.





Above, Coach Joe Bleull discusses strategy with the Terminators.



## Teamwork and Tenacity Prove Keys to Success at States

The **Terminators** competed in Division 2, the second most competitive division in the state. Joey Barnett scored big with more than 20 points, and Matt Sixma was remarkable on defense with excellent quickness and effort. The Terminators had a great season and earned fourth place in a very tough division.

The **Fun Bunch** had a come from behind victory over a Fairfax team that had given them trouble in the regular season. Jenna VanDenburgh and Rebecca Hultin joined the team for the competition. During the second half, Hultin brought Coach Kevin McDonald to his feet when she launched two bombs that pulled the team ahead. The Fun Bunch held on to win silver.

Coach Dillon was in charge of the **Bobcats** (in navy blue), which had a number of athletes who were new to the team this year. "It was fun coaching such awesome athletes," he said.



## *Fun Bunch*

## *Terminators*

## *Bobcats*



"While we are excited about winning, we as coaches are most excited by the growth and skills development of our athletes." Coach Dillon



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# Coming Soon

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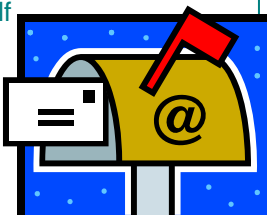
## Fall Sports Registration Available Online

Just as Loudoun's athletes improve every season, so do Area 14's efforts to serve them. Webmaster Charlie Vines will post the electronic registration form on the Web site in the next few weeks.

Athletes will have the option to register online or by postcard. Postcards will be mailed out to all athletes in July.

To register online, go to [www.loudounspecialolympics.org](http://www.loudounspecialolympics.org).

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- Volleyball



## Spring Sports Sizzle

Coming in  
August

