

Saltsman wins gold in senior games

By Dee Dellenbach
Staff writer

Last year, 69-year-old Shirley Saltsman competed in the 100-meter dash at the senior games. She was the oldest competitor in the group – and she won. This year at 70, she has gone one better: she's earned two gold medals, one apiece for the 100-meter dash and the 200-meter dash.

This week marks the 20th anniversary for the Area IV Agency Senior Games. Senior adults in eight counties will be competing in games ranging from track and tennis to bingo and euchre.

Saltsman, who lives in Delphi, has won six medals since she started competing in 2003. She said she first entered the games because she thought they would be fun and give her an opportunity to compete.

"I love to run," she said. "I'd like someone to start a granny basketball team."

She said sometimes when she is out exercising, she starts to laugh.

"I think the laughing does more good than the running," she quipped.

To prepare for the games, Saltsman walks one and a half miles every day and runs the 100-meter three times. This year, in addition to the 100-meter and 200-meter dash, she thinks she might compete in miniature golf,

bowling and the softball throw: Saltsman doesn't like to have too much 'down' time.

This year she said she had hoped to get a gold medal in the 100-meter dash and thought she had a good chance in the one-mile fast walk. She wanted to catch the woman who beat her last year, she said. But as it turned out, she won the bronze.

Saltsman said she is motivated and inspired by the people she competes against, but she's also been an inspiration to her three grandkids, Matthew, Adam and Kristin.

"They got interested in sports after Grandma got involved in the senior games. They saw those three medals," she laughed.

The focus of the senior games is to give participants the opportunity to compete and win medals while staying active, having fun and enjoying the company of other participants. But for Saltsman the games represent an opportunity to push herself.

"I just want to see if I can do it!" she enthused.

The games are being held at Jefferson High School in Lafayette and will continue throughout the week.

"I think every senior should think about (participating). It keeps you in better health. You meet a lot of nice people to talk with. I played golf with a lady last year and we talked about Tiger Woods; that's when the trouble started! We had a good time."

To learn more about the games, visit www.areaivagency.org.



Saltsman competes for health and laughs
Shirley Saltsman of Delphi, proudly wears the medals she earned in the 2004 and 2005 Area IV Agency Senior Games. On Monday, the first day of competition, she won gold medals in the 100-meter and 200-meter dash, and earned a bronze in the one-mile fast walk. Comet photo by Dee Dellenbach

Daughters of Union Vets honors Flora woman

The Department of Indiana Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War (1861-1865) met last weekend at Indiana University Kokomo.

On Friday evening, June 2, the officers met at a Kokomo motel. They also had dinner in Kokomo.

Following breakfast at IUK on Saturday, they opened the meeting with a greeting from the Sons of Union Veterans, who were meeting in the next room.

Later during the morning business session, they honored Esther M. Cook of Flora for her 50 years of

Announcements

CARROLL COUNTY GARDEN CLUB will meet June 10 at 10 a.m. at the home of Charles and Beverly Wolf, 2144S 250W, Flora. Members will be planning a trip. For more information, call (765) 268-2473.

CARROLL COUNTY ANTIQUE TRACTOR CLUB will have a tractor drive starting at French Post Park at 1 p.m. on Saturday. For more information, call Shawn Ashby at (574) 686-2330.

TWIN LAKES REGIONAL SEWER DISTRICT will meet June 8 at 3 p.m. in the White County Government Building in Monticello.

EAA Chapter 256 will host a Young Eagles Rally for first-time flyers at the Purdue University Airport Saturday from 9 to 11 a.m. for youth between the ages of eight and 17. The event is to commemorate **NATIONAL YOUNG EAGLES DAY**. Pre-registration is required for all interested youth. Call Stewart at (765) 426-6924 or Jan at (765) 449-1630 to reserve a flight experience.

The second annual **TRANSPORTATION FAIR** will be on Father's Day, June 18, from 1 to 4 p.m. at Canal Park, Delphi. The day will feature Delphi Trolley rides, cart and carriage rides, and canal pontoon boat rides. Modes of transportation on display will include restored Boyd Martin speed boats, antique automobiles, and Delphi Body Works' antique Fisher wagon. Entertainment will be furnished by a banjo band - Banjo Nutz. Other viewing high-

lights will be an art display and a documentary on the Wabash River, produced by PBS Channel 20. Refreshments will be served at the Snack Shack, or visitors can picnic on the grounds. A Fly-In at the Delphi Airport will be held the same day.

CANAL DAYS FESTIVAL in Delphi will be Saturday and Sunday, July 1 and 2, and Delphi's **INDEPENDENCE DAY PARADE** will be on July 1.

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on Thursday, June 15,
2006, to say goodbye
and best wishes to
Dr. John Williams.*

*The Open House will be held in the
Superintendent's Office of the Delphi
Community School Corporation from
1:00 - 4:00 p.m.*

Sealmobile to visit FHC

Comet staff reports

Indiana University School of Dentistry's mobile dental sealant program, Seal Indiana, will visit the Family Health Clinic of Carroll County (FHC) in Delphi on June 21 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., to provide oral examinations, sealants and fluoride treatments.

A dental sealant is a plastic material that is applied to the chewing surface of back teeth where decay occurs most often. Sealants protect these teeth from plaque and acid that cause decay. Receiving sealants is comfortable and anesthetic is not needed. A fluoride treatment provides added protection against decay for all teeth.

"Children who do not have a regular dentist, are not receiving regular dental care, or do not have dental sealants available through their family dentist are eligible for the program," said Dr. Karen M. Yoder, Seal

Indiana program director.

To have their children participate, parents must schedule an appointment and complete a consent packet, available at the FHC. For families with Medicaid or Hoosier Healthwise, the entire cost is covered. A sliding fee scale, based on family income, and a cap on services is available for children without insurance coverage.

"However, no child will be refused care because of inability to pay," said Yoder. "Parents may talk with FHC or call Seal Indiana if they want their children to participate but cannot pay the fees."

The 40-foot Sealmobile is staffed by faculty from the Indiana University School of Dentistry, dental assistants, and senior dental students and dental hygiene students.

For more information, call FHC at (765) 564-3016.

What's Happening Elsewhere

KENTLAND SUMMER FESTIVAL will be held June 16-18. On June 16, Pat Tebo DJ Service will play easy listening and have karaoke from 8 p.m. to midnight. On June 17, The Community Band will play for the chicken dinner from 5 to 7 p.m., then Jabrocks will play from 8 p.m. to midnight. On June 18, Wild Bill's DJ Service will entertain with easy listening and karaoke from noon to 5 p.m. For more information, call (219) 474-6050.

Indiana Farm Bureau will host a **FARM BILL FOCUS MEETING** on June 27 from 1 to 4:30 p.m. at the Hamilton County Fairgrounds in Noblesville. The current farm bill, formally known as the Farm Security and Rural Investment Act of 2002, expires at the end of the 2007 crop year. Dr. Allan Gray, an agricultural economist from Purdue University, will share his insight on farm bill options being proposed to Congress, including the political mood, fiscal impacts, payment limitations, affected commodities, conservation programs, energy program, rural development and trade impacts. There will be time for questions. Members of commodity and

agriculture interest groups are encouraged to attend.

The **FACES OF LINCOLN EXHIBITION** has become a regular stop for visitors of the Indiana History Center, 450 W. Ohio Street. The rotating exhibition will take on a new visage from June 24 to Oct. 22, when the topic "Lincoln and the Civil War: Gettysburg through Appomattox" will be featured. The Faces of Lincoln will include a rendering of the Gettysburg Address and images of military events, leaders, soldiers and wartime politics. The next rotation "Lincoln's Assassination & Trial of Conspirators" will take center stage beginning in late October. The Society is located in the Indiana History Center at 450 West Ohio Street, Indianapolis. (www.indianahistory.org)

Chapter 89 **PERU CIRCUS CITY SAMS** will be camping together the weekend of June 23 at Wildwood Acres near Hartford City. Hosts for the weekend are Allen and Carolyn Crist (765)395-6139 and Ken and Sharon Dickman (765)395-7077. For additional information, call either number. Non-members are welcome to attend.

Meetings

Republican Women

The May meeting for the Carroll County Republican Women was held at the Rockfield Community Center. Joyce Smith, IFRW president, was the guest speaker. Smith challenged everyone to be assertive in recruiting new members, and she shared fun ways to host special sessions to identify Republican voters. She also spoke words of encouragement and urged continued support for Republican candidates involved in the fall races.

The June meeting will be held June 21 at 12:30 p.m., at Gracie's (formerly Connie's) located in Flora. For the program, Jimpsie Doyel, Camden resident, will speak and provide a quilting demonstration. Reservations for lunch are required and should be called to Lucille Brown, 574-967-3061, or Betty Trapp, 574-967-3525, no later than June 17.

All interested Carroll County women and their guests are encouraged and welcome to attend.

Carroll County Chamber of Commerce

Carroll County Chamber of Commerce's temporary board met recently.

As of May 24, 68 members have paid. The goal is to get 100 members by June 30. There was discussion on compiling a new prospect list from the state Chamber to continue expanding the membership drive beyond

the prior pledge drive.

A computer purchase of \$1,000 was made. Current expenditures are being offset by dues income. To date, income from dues totals \$10,140.19, and another \$2,000 is ready for deposit.

Rusty Ashby is assisting in layout and format of a newsletter.

The Web design committee meeting is June 1 with Perfective Web Designs. They are still working on hosting and design.

The Economic Development Corporation's director position is being finalized and may be in place within the next month. The Chamber board was encouraged to attend the June 15 EDC meeting. The Chamber will again request the contribution of \$20,000 per year for two years. The Chamber will also request status on the administrative assistant position.

The Comprehensive Land Use Planning Committee is in the process of compiling several studies to review. Dick Bradshaw suggested the Chamber try to get a representative on this committee.

There will be a luncheon on June 14 at Burlington. County businesses will provide brief presentations. A suggestion was made to open up some of the luncheons to non-members for membership recruitment.

Keith Chandler asked the board's permission to join the Delphi Rotary.

The next meeting of the Chamber will be June 22.

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Dairy Farm Tour

**The Arendsen family, who is
developing Boerman Carroll Dairy,
would like to invite Carroll County
residents to tour a dairy facility in
Indiana to provide a first hand
look at how a large dairy farm
operates. Details are as follows:**

Date: Saturday, June 17

8:30 am Depart at Carroll Jr./Sr. High
School in Flora
(parking in front of the gymnasium)

9:30 am Tour Sevenhills Dairy in Fowler, IN

11:00 am Depart

12:00 pm Arrive at Carroll Jr./Sr. High
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