

# news release

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## IN THE SPIRIT OF SENIOR GAMES

People age 55 and older from Fayette, Franklin, Rush, Union, and Wayne counties and nearby Ohio communities came out to enjoy the fun and friendly competition in a wide variety of activities during Area 9's 2011 Senior Games held June 13<sup>th</sup>-16<sup>th</sup>. Sponsored by Area 9 In-Home and Community Services Agency, a service of Indiana University East, the competition began with a fun walk on Monday to the Freedom Fountain at the Richmond City Building where the Honorable Sally Hutton, Mayor of Richmond, proclaimed the week as "Area 9 Senior Games Week." Colorful balloons highlighted the skies as they were released to signify the official start of the Games.

Designed to promote a healthy lifestyle, the week was filled with a variety of activities and events for all activity levels. Events included a golf scramble, bowling, miniature golf, ping-pong, pool, pickleball, shuffleboard, darts, football toss, paper airplane toss, croquet, corn hole, softball throw, 3-on-3 basketball, basketball free throw, basketball 3-point throw, walk race, pancake race and Wii games. Olympic-style medals were awarded to participants placing 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 3<sup>rd</sup> in each event. Attached is a list of winners for each event.

The week concluded with recognition of winners and special awards presented at a Victory Celebration Dinner held at the Lamplight Inn at the Leland, ballroom dancing demonstrations by Rex Godfrey and Barbara Mays, and dancing with music provided by *The Impossibles*.

A special thank you to our sponsors: Diamond Sponsor – Lamplight Inn at the Leland; Gold Sponsors – Bosma Enterprises, Forest Park Health Campus, Vectren; Bronze Sponsor – LaMar Property Group; Event Sponsors – Arbor Trace Health & Living Community, Moster Mortuary; Patron Sponsors – Flatrock River Lodge, Hartzell Deep Steam, Jetmore, Bawa & Hlrons PC, Lingle Real Estate, Omni Home Care, RMD/Patti Insurance & Financial Services, West End Savings Bank, Whitewater Valley REMC. Thank you, too, to all area businesses that supported the Games through donations of prizes: Beltone, Cowgill's Flower Shop, Frisch's Restaurant, Connersville Kroger, Liberty Bell Wholesale, McDonald's, Natco Credit Union, Richmond Symphony Orchestra, Rosenberger's Market, Subway, Trinity Gifts & Books, Wendy's, Western Southern Life, and Wetzels Family Auto Cruise. It is through community support that the 2011 Area 9 Senior Games were a huge success!