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IN THE SPIRIT OF SENIOR GAMES

Almost 300 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 2009 Senior Games held June 15th-19th. 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-long Senior Games included a variety of activities and events for all activity levels. Events included a golf scramble, bowling, euchre, bingo, miniature golf, ping-pong, pool, shuffleboard, darts, football toss, paper airplane toss, horseshoes, croquet, corn hole, softball throw, 3-on-3 basketball, basketball free throw, basketball 3-point throw, walk race, and the infamous pancake race. Olympic-style medals were awarded to participants placing 1st, 2nd, and 3rd in each event. Following 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 Leland Residence, and a theatrical performance of *Reside at Your Own Risk*, was presented by RetroAct Productions.

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businesses that supported the Games through donations of prizes. It is through community support that the 2009 Area 9 Senior Games were a huge success!