

Age 90 - 12 gold medals



Florence Broussard displays her 12 gold medals that she won at McNeese University recently.

Pecan Island's Broussard shines at Senior Olympic games

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PECAN ISLAND — Move over Michael Phelps, 90-year-old Florence Broussard has you beat with her 12 gold medals.

Broussard, who still lives in Pecan Island, recently won 12 gold medals in the Southwest Louisiana District Senior Games at McNeese State University.

She competed in the 90-94 years old category.

"I enjoy competing because I enjoy meeting my old friends," said Broussard, who began competing in the Senior Olympics at the young age of 85. "I compete against students who I once taught in Hackberry in 1955."

Over the last five years, Broussard has won more than 75 medals (gold, silver and

bronze).

Broussard won all of the 12 events she competed in this weekend.

The 12 events she entered were the football throw, javelin, spelling contest, dominoes, frisbee throw, discus, horse shoes, shot put, shuffleboard, bean bag baseball, and washer pitch.

Broussard said she did not have a favorite, but she did like dominoes.

Jennifer Paulson, her assistant, brought her around to each event.

She had to give her oxygen during events to help her through.

What is next for the 12-gold medal winner?

She plans to compete in the district meet in Lafayette next month and then state meet at LSU in September.

If she does well, then it is on to Nationals to be held in Houston.