Alaskan youths capture medals in national games

Two Alaskan youths won medals in the national Arco Jesse Owens Games held in Los Angeles.

Kyrra Casey of Fairbanks placed second Aug. 8 in the girls Group IV division 100-meter dash with a time of 13:55. Chris Brown of Anchorage placed third in the boys Group III division 200-meter race with a time of 28:48.

A total of 192 youths, between the ages of 11 and 14 participated in this year's games which marked the 50th anniversary of Jesse Owens' Olympic triumph in Berlin, Germany.

Participating from the Anchorage Regionals in boys Group III were Rodd Johnson, Chris Brown, Brian Williams, Donavin Britt and Ryan Barnard, all of Anchorage; and Kris Withrow of Seward. Boys Group IV included Kyle Fyfe and Ben Kaniut, both of Anchorage; Tracy Trudell, Scott Hamilton and David Kolberg, all of Palmer; and Jason Lynn of Kenai. Girls Group III participants included Voncia Bell, Kimberly Babbitt, Bianca Carroll and Tana Bigelow, all of Anchorage; and Kathy Ladd and Wendy Carroll, both of Homer. Girls Group IV included Eowyn Lemay, Kristina Euteneier, Maisha Golden and Lynn Elverum, all of Anchorage; Beth Ladd of Homer; and Kristina McInnes of Seldovia.

Participating from the Fairbanks Regionals in the Boys Group III were David Bowdre of North Pole; Jake Ritchie, David Dyer, Eddie Davison and Mike Vorkink, all of Fairbanks; and Steven Rexford of Barrow. Those in boys Group IV included Olaf Foote, Dwight Miller, Dan Holcomb, Noah Alaniva and Al Burgo, all of Fairbanks; and B. J. Keith of Denali Park.

Participating from the girls Group Il were Teresa Kardell, Jennifer Andurlle and Nicole Scott, all of North Pole; Tracy Hobson of Nenana; and Loilla Itta of Atqusak. Those in Group IV were Kyrra Casey, Kim Haman and Tammi Karella, all of Fairbanks; Marilyn Talerico and Jennifer Hall, both of Healy; and Charity Arnold of North Pole.