

A 42-year resident of Carroll County and a graduate of Westminster High, Joy is active in the community as well as in sports. Although all his activities may seem overwhelming, he has no intentions of stopping.

Joy is scheduled for another competition in Hagerstown next month and he plans to compete in two more by the end of the year.

Bixler said he hopes he'll still be lifting at that age. There's not too many people that can lift at his age," Bixler said. "When you think about his age and you think about what he's doing, that's really something."

JACQUELINE G. WILSON HONORED

Submitted by Alan J. Saperstein

One of the highlights of the Hunter College of the City of New York Alumni Weekend (May 5-6, 2006) was the presentation of three special Alumni Association awards. One of them was given to our own alumni member Jacqueline G. Wilson, who previously served as the Deputy Regional Administrator in the New York Region. The citation read:

Jacqueline G. Wilson has had a successful career in the area of health professions. In 1972 she was an original member of the selection committee for the Hunter College Hall of Fame, and in 1979 she was inducted into the Hall of Fame herself. She served as president of the Alumni Association from 2002-2005, is an active member of the Wistarians Chapter, and continues her devotion to her alma mater through her involvement with the Hunter College Mentoring Program.

2007 MEDICARE PART B PREMIUM

Most seniors will have to pay 5.6 percent more for basic Medicare coverage next year, officials have announced. But premiums for more affluent beneficiaries will increase by as much as 83 percent, because the federal government for the first time will require wealthier people to pay more. About 1.5 million of the 42 million Americans on Medicare will have to pay the higher premiums based on income, a change instituted by Congress as part of the 2003 law that created the Medicare drug benefit program.

The standard monthly premium for Medicare Part B, which covers doctor visits and outpatient hospital care will rise to \$93.50 from \$88.50 this year, said CMS Administrator Mark B. McClellan. The Part B deductible will be \$131.00. Individuals with an annual income of more than \$80,000 (or more than \$160,000 for married couples) will pay monthly premiums of \$106.00, \$124.70, \$143.40 or \$162.10, depending on their income, with single individuals with incomes over \$200,000 or couples over \$400,000 paying the \$162.10. Beneficiaries below the income threshold pay 25 percent of the cost. By the end of a three-year transition period, those with high annual incomes will pay 35, 50, 65 or 80 percent of the total cost of Part B coverage.