

# Sports celebs to assist Open's charitable cause

Would you like to go bowling with Kirk Gibson? Mark Davis? Rozema? How about Steve Grogan or Alex Delvecchio? These are just a few of the celebrities who will be at Taylor Lanes on Tuesday, June 11, to take part in the Pro Bowlers Tour Greater Detroit Open.

The occasion is the Celebrity Bowling Challenge held to raise funds for the Barbara Ann Karmanos Cancer Institute.

In addition to Gibson and Rozema, the event is expected to draw the likes of former Detroit Tigers broadcaster Ernie Harwell, former Tigers Dave Bergman and Milt Wilcox and professional bowling champions Brian Voss, Walter Ray Williams, Amleto Monacelli, Bob Leary, Marshall Holman, Mike Aubly, Parker Bohn III and John Mazza.

Admission is \$15 for adults. Children under 10 will be admitted free when accompanied by an adult. The cost includes a ticket to the arena finals on Saturday.

A \$50 donation to the cancer fund will result in the opportunity to bowl with the celebrities

and a \$100 donation will get a Bronze or Silver medal.

The event will feature WJR's Michael Barr as master of ceremonies. Paws, the Detroit Tigers mascot, will be there to help entertain the kids.

Festivities begin at noon.

It was a great season for the Detroit Red Wings with their 62 regular-season wins (before an unexpected exit in the Western Conference finals) and the Chicago Bulls with their 70 victories.

While both teams set records, both have to take a back seat to Team No. 4 from the Cherry Hill Bantam Boys and Girls League with their 85-0 record during the second half of the season.

The team also won the first half with a 62.5 and 2.5 record. The team of Danny McDermott, Bridget McDermott and Jeffrey Willis of Garden City and Jessica Humphrey of Livonia took home the first-place trophies, plus three of the most improved bowler awards, high team game and series and all of the individual high game and series awards, both scratch and handicap. They did it all, except win the Stanley Cup.

Thunderbolt Lanes in Troy is going to feature a Family Fun Night every Monday from 6:30-8:30 p.m. It is open for youth and adults. It begins June 17 and runs through Aug. 19 with

two hours of bowling (four games), shoe rental, hot dog and pop each week. You can bowl all 10 weeks or just drop in as often as you like.

There are prizes each week, and scores will be recorded with averages and high scores for both youth and adults. There will be a Special Kingpin Award Club for youth bowlers. Cost is only \$6 per week with a \$2 one-time registration fee.

For further information, call

(810) 362-1660.

Are you looking for help? Want to improve your game? This is the opportunity to do just that with a four-week bowling clinic conducted by All-Star bowler and former Team USA member Larry Walker of Garden City. It will take place at Super Bowl in Canton and runs every Tuesday, beginning June 4 from 7:30-9:30 p.m.

Walker is a USA certified instructor and the program is

designed for beginning bowlers and bowlers with averages of 170 or below. This clinic will also benefit those with higher averages that need to improve on the basic fundamentals. Each night will consist of 45 minutes of classroom instruction and one hour of on-line practice.

Cost of the course is \$60. For further details contact Super Bowl at (313) 459-6070 or Larry Walker at (313) 421-0768.

The DWBA has announced

the Ladies All-City teams. The 1996 Queen of Bowling is Lisa Bishop with a composite 214.5 average. Her court consists of Tamika Glenn of Farmington Hills and Cheryl Stipak of Redford, both averaging 214, and Carmelita Allen and Lisa Bishop.

The No. 2 team consists of captain Tina Mikolowski, Aleta Sill, Sandra Winbiger, Charlyne Gerbas-Krulis and Jayne Nizza.

## Churchill's Lang steps aside after half decade

BY BRAD EMONS  
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Livonia Churchill's Tom Lang became the third varsity basketball coach from the Livonia Public School to turn in his resignation this spring.

He informed outgoing Churchill athletic director Don Albertson and principal Rod Hosman of his decision last week.

Lang, who is retiring as a teacher next month from Frost Middle School after 32 years, compiled a 35-72 record with the Chargers in five seasons.

Last season the Chargers finished 9-12.

### BASKETBALL

Two other LPS coaches resigned including Jim McIntyre (Stevenson) and Larry Jackson (Franklin).

Stevenson has yet to name a replacement, while Jackson's successor is varsity assistant Dan Robinson.

"Tom submitted his resignation last week and he's going to give up both JV baseball and varsity (boys) basketball," said incoming Churchill A.D. Marc Hage, who served as the Chargers' freshman coach this year. "I'm going to miss him. I had the pleasure of working with him and he did a strong job with the program and the kids."

Chuck Uhlinger, who coached the JV squad the past five years, is expected to apply for the vacant position, which first must be posted for LPS employees.

"All three of us had a good working relationship, we were very compatible with each other and I'm going to miss that," Lang said. "I thought we worked well as a team. Chuck and Marc were excellent assistants."

Lang, who coached several outstanding girls basketball teams in eight seasons at Livonia Bentley (before the school closed in 1985), contemplated returning for another season.

"I debated with myself because my wife (Sharon) has two more years left before she retires (at Plymouth Salem High School)," Lang said. "I'm going to be the house father. I'll do my daily work, take at least a year to relax, and play some golf."

"I'm going to give up coaching for at least a year, and then I'll see if I want to come back at some other level."

Lang said the Chargers' best basketball days are ahead.

"They had an outstanding freshman team with some kids who could possibly bypass the JV level and be ready for varsity next year," he said. "And with the varsity kids coming back they could have a good mix. I could see them being 500 or better next year and be a definite force in the league the following year."

"I regret stepping down with the talent coming back, but maybe it's best the new coach can start in with the young kids and build the program along with them."

"You're going to see some big changes in Livonia basketball the next few years."

Lang, however, will not miss one aspect about the job.

"There were always two, three or four sets of parents who felt I couldn't do anything right, even when their kids were starters," Lang said. "I'll miss the good parents, the ones who came up to you and congratulated you for playing well or being hard. But I won't miss the others who would yell and scream and not care about anyone else than their own kids."

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Girls (girls select)

Under-10: 6-8 p.m. June 17 at Caesars 3, coach Andy Gordon (489-8737); under-13: 6-8 p.m. June 18 and June 20 at Caesars 2; coach Bill Kollies (476-1375); under-11: 6-8 p.m. June 20 and 22 at Caesars 3, coach Alan Helleck (474-4478); under-12: 6-8 p.m. June 19 at Caesars 1, coach Neil Helleck (476-1375); under-13: 6-8 p.m. June 20-21 at Founders 2, coach Everett Windisch (477-5480); under-14:

Additional information

Questions regarding boys and girls premier teams should be directed to Tom Ford (477-5852); boys select, Craig Barton (477-5837); girls select, Gordon Shult (788-0095).

Players are asked to bring water, cleats, shin guards and a size-5 soccer ball to the tryouts.

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