

Half-marathon runners contribute to charitable cause

Nancy Gavor loves kids, competition and five-kilometer runs. On Sunday morning, Gavor will be sparked by all three as she competes in the 5K Run/Walk at the annual West Bloomfield Half-Marathon, 5K Run/Walk and Kids Fun Run.

Gavor, recently named women's cross country coach at Schoolcraft Community College, will have company when she lines up for the 5K at 10:30 a.m. at West Bloomfield High School. A physical education teacher at Orchard Lake Middle School, Gavor has recruited many of her students at OLMS to run or walk the 3.1-mile course with her and to raise pledges for Kaleidoscope Kids Hospices of Henry Ford Health System.

Kaleidoscope Kids is a hospice that provides support and care

for children in the last phases of incurable illnesses so that they may live as fully and comfortably as possible. The special fund was initiated last year in memory of Miriam Kaptur, a long-time employee of West Bloomfield Parks and Recreation and a past race director who died of inflammatory breast cancer in 1996.

"I'm hoping to get 100 kids to enter the race," said Gavor.

The students have been enthusiastic about the event from the first time Gavor approached them with the challenge of participating.

"They were overwhelmingly positive. My entire first hour class wanted to either walk or run it," said Gavor. "That made me very excited. (The parents) were also very supportive and

several of them will be participating in the race themselves." Gavor has been helping her students prepare for the 3.1-mile challenge by leading them through four minutes of running every day in gym class as well as calisthenics, jumping rope and other cardiovascular intensive exercises.

"The kids are aware that they don't have to run the entire way," said Gavor. "A lot of them will walk rather than run, the point isn't to set world records. They can go as fast or slow as they want."

Over 1,000 runners and walkers are expected to participate Sunday in the 22nd running of the West Bloomfield Half-Marathon, 5K Run/Walk and Kids Fun Run. A portion of each entry fee will be donated to

Kaleidoscope Kids Hospices of Henry Ford Health System in memory of Miriam Kaptur. Donations can also be made at the run and should be made payable to Kaleidoscope Kids.

All events begin at West Bloomfield High School, 4925 Orchard Lake Road and all registered participants will receive a t-shirt.

The itinerary for this year's race is as follows: 5K Run/Walk begins at 10:30 a.m. and the registration fee is \$10; Kids Fun Run begins at 11:30 a.m. and the registration fee is \$12; the Half-Marathon begins at 12:45 p.m. and the registration fee is \$20.

West Bloomfield Parks and Recreation and Henry Ford Medical Center - West Bloomfield co-

sponsor the Half-Marathon and the 5K Run/Walk. West Bloomfield Parks and Recreation and Henry Ford Health System's Maple Grove Center co-sponsor the Kids Fun Run.

For more information and to register call West Bloomfield Parks and Recreation at (248) 738-2500.

Hold on! Bowling season isn't over

Summertime and the bowlin' is easy!

And so goes the song, the fish are biting and the cotton feels better than polyester.

When the winter bowling season ends, you don't have to put your shoes and ball away, there's lots of good league bowling going on in spring/summer leagues.

Some of these are just fun activity, and yet many of them carry substantial prize money for the competitive sort of bowler.

Most of the off-season leagues offer a different format, such as trio leagues bowling a four-game set divided between two opponents.

Just about every house around offers spring and summer leagues. Each establishment provides sheets out on the counter with all the particulars.

The summer rates are usually a bit lower, and if you are sanctioned in a regular winter league, the sanction fee covers

summer also.

Many leagues are available for the better than average shooter, with good prize money and jackpots as well. It may help make your off-season more interesting, and keep your skill level sharply honed all year round.

■ Caleb Gill, 8, of Livonia, already has a title to his credit after capturing the Greater Detroit Y.A.B.A. City Championship at 700 Bowl.

Gill averages 81, but finished first in the All-Events category with a 1,141 career over nine games.

His mother, Michelle, is an avid bowler and it appears she has her son headed in the right direction.

■ The Wednesday Senior Men's Classic League closed out its season at Mayflower Lanes in redford with a high-low doubles match.

In the second game, Tony Balarta put together 12 strikes for his first 300. His previous high was 298.

With a total pinfall of 749, Tony and his partner easily cruised to first place.

The Metro Bowling Tour has gotten off to a flying start.

There were 112 entries last month at Century Bowl in

Waterford.

Phyllis O'Connor of Rochester Hills, a late and first-time entry, qualified first as her entire family watched.

Waterford's James Robinson, bowling from the fifth position, was defeated by Milford's Ron Seggie in the first match of the finals, 188-151.

In match No. 2, Ross O'Dowd, who won the previous event, started off slow and gave Seggie a chance to close him down at 235-209.

Match No. 3 was a session of spare shooting for two frames between Seggie and Michael J. Rorer of Waterford.

Seggie finally found his strike line and nailed nine of his final 10 shots for a 258-190 victory, setting the stage for an O'Connor-Seggie finals matchup.

As so often happens to a first-time competitor, especially being on TV, Phyllis was a little bit nervous.

She opened in the first three frames, and her opponent kept on striking for a 257-175 win.

The next scheduled tournament is 9 a.m. and noon Saturday April 25, at Fiero Lanes, in Pontiac. For more information or to obtain an entry form, call Roy Akers at (248) 673-7407.



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