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NINEVEH

Robert Luther Beetem

Robert Luther Beetem, 75, of Nineveh and formerly of Mooresville and Indianapolis, died Friday, Feb. 17, 2006, at Hospice South in Fort Myers, Fla.

He was born April 26, 1930, in Bedford, Ky., to the late Luther Franklin and Elizabeth Agnes (Donnelly) Beetem.

Survivors include his wife, Lorene (Cowles) Beetem of Nineveh; son, Matthew R. Beetem of Indianapolis; daughter, Debra B. LaRoche of Phoenix; brother, Thomas Beetem of Jefferson City, Mo.; sister, Anne Vayhinger of Jacksonville, Fla.; and two grandsons. He was preceded in death by his former wife, Barbara (Arndt) Beetem; and a son, Joseph R. Beetem.

He graduated from Purdue University in 1952.

He was a civil engineer for 48 years. He retired from Butler Fairman & Seufert Inc. in 2000.

He attended Church of the Lakes in Nineveh.

The Rev. Bruce Bendinger will

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conduct a funeral service at 10 a.m. Saturday at Carlisle & Son Funeral Chapel, 39 E. High St. in Mooresville. Friends may call from 4 to 8 p.m. Friday at the funeral home. Burial will be at White Lick Cemetery in Mooresville.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society, 941 E. 86th St., Suite, 100, Indianapolis, IN 46240-1842.

Online condolences may be sent to the family at www.carlisleandson.com.

Information: 831-2080

FRANKLIN

Dolan Ray Dicken

Dolan Ray Dicken, 67, passed away on Sunday, Feb. 19, 2006, at his residence in Franklin.



DICKEN

He was born on May 20, 1938, in Albany, Ky., to the late Marion Burchett and Belva (Dickens) Kearney. He married Marilyn (Ruckel) Price Dicken on May 13, 1995. She survives. Other survivors include a daughter, Debbie Eisenmenger of Edinburgh; a son, Terry Dicken of New Palestine; stepsons, Duane Price of Maryland and Darin Price of Kentucky; eight grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; and four sisters, Darlene Lynn of Franklin, Martha Waymon of Greenwood, Mary Milby of Hardyville, Ky., and Lou Witham of Albany, Ky. He was preceded in passing by his children's mother, Joyce

Dicken; a brother, Edsol Dicken; and a sister, Letha Nixon.

He attended Clinton County Schools in Albany, Ky.

He worked for ArvinMeritor in Franklin as a welder and set-up man for 40 years, retiring in 2000.

He was a member of Trinity Baptist Church in Indianapolis and the Carpenters Union Local No. 2993 where he served as a Union Steward.

He enjoyed bluegrass music and attending bluegrass festivals.

The Revs. Doyle Lakes and Jim Duvall will conduct a service at 10 a.m. Wednesday at Flinn and Maguire Funeral Home, 2898 N. Morton St. in Franklin. Friends may call from 4 to 8 p.m. Tuesday at the funeral home. An additional service will be conducted at 2 p.m. Thursday (Indiana time) at Talbott Funeral Home in Albany, Ky., with calling there Tuesday from noon (Indiana time) until service time Tuesday. Burial will be at Cave Springs Cemetery in Albany, Ky.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Hospice of Community South in Indianapolis.

INDIANAPOLIS

Dorothy Jean Tex

Dorothy Jean Tex, 85, Indianapolis, formerly of Greenwood, passed away Friday, Feb. 17, 2006.

She was born Oct. 9, 1920, in Indianapolis to the late Raymond Charles "R.C." and Mary (Grove) Benson. Jean married Guy O. "Bud" Tex on Nov. 7, 1941, who passed away June 10, 1976. Survivors include sons, John G. (Linda) Tex and Paul D. (Beth) Tex, both of Greenwood; grandchildren, John P. Tex and Stacy L. Henry, both of Greenwood; nephews, Wesley A. Hamilton of Indianapolis and Joe Carnine of Dallas; and niece, Ruth Carson of Bedford. She also was preceded in death by a sister, Mary Margaret Hamilton.

Jean was a longtime member of University Heights United Methodist Church, a graduate of Southport High School and had been employed at Herron's Market Research for 15 years, retiring in 1984.

Services will be at 10:30 a.m. Tuesday, with visitation from 4 to

8 p.m. today, at Singleton Community Mortuary and Memorial Center, 7602 Madison Ave. in Indianapolis. Interment will be at Greenwood Cemetery.

Memorial gifts have been suggested to University Heights United Methodist Church, 4002 Otterbein Ave., Indianapolis, IN 46227. Information: 885-7585

GREENWOOD

Walter G. Wise

Walter G. Wise, 85, died Sunday, Feb. 19, 2006, at St. Francis Hospital Beech Grove. He was a resident of Greenwood.

He is survived by his wife, Betty (Prince) Wise.

Arrangements are pending at Meredith-Clark Funeral Home, Cremation and Personalization Center in Morgantown.

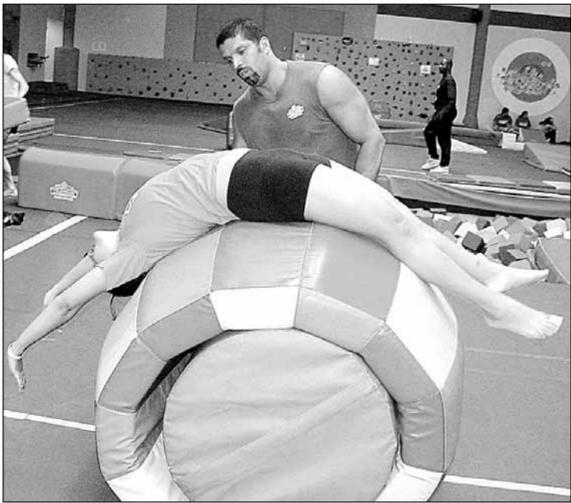
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Who needs Pilates? Kids' sports fun, healthy

Adults finding exercise more entertaining by turning back the clock, getting into gymnastics, dodgeball



AP PHOTO

An instructor helps a student during an adult gymnastics class at New York City's Chelsea Piers. With a membership of over 500 adults, the 25,000-square-foot facility boasts what is advertised as the largest adult gymnastics program in the United States.

BY ROBIN HINDREY

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

NEW YORK

Some 36-year-olds hit the golf course to unwind; Pearl Lin prefers fine-tuning his back flip.

Less than a year ago, Lin, a New York City boutique owner who had no childhood gymnastics training, could barely master a forward roll. Now, he's defying gravity and his biological clock.

Whether reviving a childhood passion or following the leads of their own children, more adults are stepping off the sidelines onto gym mats, playing fields and ice rinks.

Small-town instructors and national sports organizations report a spike in adult participation in sports generally dominated by kids.

"I used to go to the gym but it turned into a chore," said Daniel Lewis, a 26-year-old New York University law student who attended a recent gymnastics

"Within the past five years, we've started really seeing a lot of interest in childhood activities being incorporated into exercise classes."

Allyson Donnelly
director of exercise for
Sports Clubs Network

class with Lin at the Chelsea Piers recreation complex on Manhattan's Hudson River shore.

"With gymnastics, you're getting great exercise and also learning real skills."

Chelsea Piers' 25,000-square-foot gymnastics facility advertises the largest adult gymnastics program in the country, attracting both first-timers and professionals. Classes are split nearly evenly between men and women, instructors said. Participants hail the sport's almost meditative effects, but the regulars' sharply defined muscles point up other benefits.

Other activities focus more on

fun than physical discipline. The Seattle-based group Underdog Sports offers adult leagues for elementary-school staples — dodgeball, kickball and flag football.

Its kickball league, with members ranging in age from their 20s to 60s, had 150 participating teams in Washington last year, said its director, Lawrence Martin.

Underdog prides itself on a laid-back environment where players can "let go of the stress they find in their everyday lives," said Martin, who enjoys seeing the role reversal of kids sitting in the stands watching their parents play.

The Sports Clubs Network, which has 135 U.S. health centers, offers hip-hop dance, a ballet workout and "urban rebounding," exercises on miniature trampolines.

"Within the past five years, we've started really seeing a lot of interest in childhood activities being incorporated into exercise classes," said Allyson Donnelly, the network's director of group exercise.

"It's the variety of the activities, and the novelty, and there's definitely an element of escapism about them: You can go into a studio for an hour and be a salsa dancer."

The ballet class offered by the Sports Clubs Network, the NYC Ballet Workout, can be done at home, too.

Since it was created in 1997, more than half a million copies of its videos and DVDs have been sold, along with 100,000 instructional books, said Deanna McBrearty, a representative from NYC Ballet.

• Meth

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In Greenwood, officers don't see it as much, police and caseworkers said, because there are fewer rural places where meth can be made away from prying eyes.

But police have seen more labs in recent months. Franklin police reported finding children in three homes where it appeared meth was being made.

Greenwood police have dismantled a lab twice in the same location in recent years and removed a child on the first visit, police detective Jeff McCorkle said.

Meth-using parents are usually unaware of how the children are doing while they're under the influence, police said.

"The user has such an intense desire for the drug, they'll do anything and everything to obtain (it)," McCorkle said. "That includes putting children at risk."

Meth acts as a stimulant, keeping users awake for days until they come off their high, crashing into a sleep that makes them unaware of their surroundings, McCorkle said.

In one Greenwood investigation in 2003, police found evidence that meth-making operations had extended into a child's room, a police report said.

Greenwood detectives previous-

ly said the child's closets had been used in the meth manufacturing process.

In 2002, seven children, ranging from a toddler to a 10-year-old, were found in a home where hundreds of used hypodermic syringes were scattered about. Some of those needles were used to inject methamphetamine, according to a Greenwood police report.

When police find children in a home where meth is being made, they call child protective services workers to remove the children from the home.

The local child protective services office gets about 75 calls a month about homes where drugs are a factor, said Gayle Green, acting director and supervisor of the county's child welfare services office.

Few of the calls are meth-related, but they are the most time-consuming to deal with, Green said.

State guidelines put into place in August give case workers an extensive list of protocols to follow to make sure children found in a meth home are safe and drug free. Green said the rules are keeping the case workers safer too, as they know more about how to safely go in and out of home where meth is made.

Caseworkers wait until police tell them it is safe to remove the children before taking the children to the hospital.

Children shower to remove possible meth residue and give a

urine test to check for the drug.

Case workers and police officers ask children about when they most recently ate and bathed, trying to get an idea of how they have been cared for and if they were exposed to the drug.

The children may have a more extensive interview after they have rested, Green said.

Since removing the children can be scary, comforting them is a full-time job, case workers said. Case workers can't take clothes or favorite toys from the home to make the children more comfortable, as these items may be polluted by meth-making chemicals.

Before the new standards were in place, case workers might have taken the items with the children, unaware of the danger it posed to them or a foster family, Green said.

Children are told about kids and pets that may be living in the home they're taking them to, trying to find ways to ease them into the unfamiliar place, she said.

Usually, phone calls or brief visits are set up with the children's parents soon after they settle into the new home to help them feel more comfortable.

As often as possible, case workers look for family in the area to house the children so the youngsters can keep going to the same school and seeing their friends.

Usually, they're able to find a relative to place the child with, Green said.

• Hopewell

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School work and milking cows were done by the light of a lantern in buildings with no electricity, he added.

Saturday night was the night to be out in Franklin.

"People came from all over," he said.

Benches around the courthouse downtown were full and the line to get into the Artcraft to see a movie wound around the block.

Making sure that other people know about the history of Franklin and Johnson County is becoming more important each year to Vanderploeg and his wife of 60 years, Gertie.

They lament the loss of farmland to "great big homes" and strip malls.

"From week to week if you don't go down the road you'll say, 'Well, I've never seen that house or that building before,'" Vanderploeg said.

Several of their friends and relatives used to get together to talk about the old days, but as more of them move to nursing homes or pass away the Vanderploeg's want to make sure some of the history they know is recorded.

And they also have a few tips for younger people.

Their secret to a long, healthy life?

"The good ol' farm life," Gertie said.

And lots of coffee.

"If coffee kills you, I'd been dead a long time ago," Charles said.

"You gotta stop for coffee breaks."

Riley Lee Taflinger

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