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## Vintage baseball comes to Beebe Street Park

### Richmond Bees take to the field this spring

By Barb Pert Templeton  
Voice Reporter

“A vintage baseball team from the historic town of Richmond, MI. Playing baseball the way it was meant to be played as a gentlemen’s game by the 1860s rules without gloves.”

The description on the Facebook page for the Richmond Bees Baseball Club introduces a whole new, yet very old, way for families to enjoy a baseball game at a local park this spring.

Marking its inaugural season in the city, the Richmond Bees have six games on their spring schedule, all on weekends at the Good Old Days Field at Beebe Street Park.

Organizers recently filled out a special event application to the city seeking permission to utilize the baseball field on specific dates in May and June. The April 21 city council meeting had league Captain Michael Sopoliga giving a brief presentation to officials about the unique baseball league.



PHOTO BY BARB PERT TEMPLETON

Michael Sopoliga, captain of the Richmond Bees Baseball Club, presented a schedule for games at the Good Old Days Field in Beebe Street Park to members of the city council at

A resident of Richmond, Sopoliga said the league adopts rules from 1867, dress accordingly to play their games and while they use a hard ball, players do not use

gloves. Bases are constructed of fabric stuffed with rags and then tent stakes are used to secure them to the ground.

“Our games are exactly like the ones you see at Green

Field Village that you see every year when they have that world tournament,” Sopoliga said. “There’s no sliding, spitting or swearing and no called

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The golf course at Wolcott Mill will be among eight Huron-Clinton Metroparks participating in the 2014 Michigan Golf Trail.

**OUTDOORS**

## Michigan Golf Trail offers player discounts

### Several parks set to participate this year

By Barb Pert Templeton  
Voice Reporter

Eight Huron-Clinton Metropark golf courses will be participating in the 2014 Michigan Golf Trail, including Stony Creek in Shelby Township and Wolcott Mill in Ray Township.

The Municipal Golf Trail (MGT) is a service of the Michigan Parks and Recreation Association that allows access to

25 of Michigan’s most scenic golf courses, as well as discounts, deals and the chance to win free rounds of golf at each of the MGT courses.

“This is a great opportunity to play some of the best municipal golf in Michigan,” said Jerry Cyr, parks operations manager at Huron Meadows and Hudson Mills. “These golf courses were built by the people for the people and this program allows golfers to re-

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**CITY OF MEMPHIS**

## American Legion to host Mother's Day breakfast

### Event set for May 11 in Memphis

By Barb Pert Templeton  
Voice Reporter

A full breakfast buffet and a free corsage for mom will mark the Mother's Day breakfast hosted at the American Legion Merrick-Potter Post 566 in Memphis on Sunday, May 11.

Members of the post will welcome diners to their annual breakfast from 8 a.m. to noon.

The menu includes an all-you-can eat buffet with scrambled eggs, sausage, bacon, hash brown potatoes, biscuits and gravy, toast, milk, juice and coffee. Also available at no additional cost, patrons can special order omelets, special eggs, French toast with fruit or pancakes. The cost is \$8 per person, \$15 per couple \$5 for kids and children 5

and under eat for free.

Ted Suwalkowski, of Riley Township, is a Vietnam Veteran and he joined Post 566 three years ago. He currently serves as the adjunct which means he takes care of things like record keeping, secretarial tasks and applying for all the licenses for the hall.

He said they have been hosting the Mother's Day breakfast for many years now and it is one of the biggest fundraisers the Legion hosts annually, second only to the chicken dinners they serve during Memphis Days in August.

The full breakfast buffet plus the opportunity to have made-to-order eggs, including omelets prepared fresh, is a big draw for the special day. It's not unusual to welcome over 200 diners that morning at the hall, Su-



SUBMITTED PHOTO

The American Legion Merrick-Potter Post 566 in Memphis will hold their annual Mother's Day Breakfast on Sunday, May 11.

walkowski said.

Members of the post run the breakfast and three alternate cooking the food. Laura Snyder is the post historian and she's organizing the food for the Mother's Day breakfast, including purchasing all the menu items, Suwalkowski said.

Overall, the post has 50

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**SCHOOLS**

## New schedule offers students many options

By Barb Pert Templeton  
Voice Reporter

Finding new ways to educate and motivate middle school students can be challenging, but Keith Bartels and his staff at Richmond Middle School decided to do some brainstorming.

In a unique plan that will offer students more, but not involve adding additional teaching staff, the middle school will go to a seven-period day in the fall.

“We are extremely excited about the chance to best service our students,” said Bartels, principal at Richmond Middle School. “The seven-period day will be in the same amount of time we have had traditionally for our six-period day, but we will be able to offer more electives, student choices and more in-

terventions for students who need them.”

Bartels explained that in tough economic times the district is limited on what it can offer students, but since the district is now doing well economically he started thinking about what they could do to provide programs for students

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