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"I don't take any medications. I don't smoke and I don't drink. Never did anything like that.' Rosa McGee

104 years old



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PAYING IT FORWARD



Photos by Hunter Wilson/Daily News Bowling Green High School teacher Norma Henry (left) laughs Monday with student Nathan Bryant, 16, prior to his "Pay it Forward" presentation to

BGHS students try to spark a steady flow of good deeds

By NATALIE JORDAN The Daily News

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Bowling

Green High stu-

Some Bowling Green High School students passed along chocolates.

"There's too many some recieved, then gave out, people out there that flowers, and some know about this for it bought food or gas for strangers – all not to have some kind in an effort to start of effect. I wanted them a chain of generosto see how far an act of Using \$10 and a kindness can go." disposable cam-

> **Norma Henry** BGHS teacher

dents in Norma Henry's and Paula Noffsinger's classes were given the challenge to "Pay it Forward" - putting their twist on the See STUDENTS, 6A



Bowling Green High School junior Jon Simpson, 17, looks over another student's "Pay it Forward" project Monday during presentations at the school.

Aviation Heritage Park gets \$75K to aid takeoff

By ROBYN L. MINOR

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The Bowling Green Area Convention and Visitors Bureau on Monday approved using \$75,000 in special tourism projects funding to help the Aviation Heritage Park get off the ground.

The city and county will have to give final approval to the funding, which will be used for concrete curbing and pavers for the park.

Carroll Hildreth, president of the Heritage Park board, told the board that the \$10,000 the tourism board contributed early on was the only public funds the board has received thus far.

The money was used to transport the F-4D Phantom II jet that Bowling Green resident Gen. Dan Cherry flew when he shot down a MiG-21 over North Vietnam. Warren County contributed the land at Basil Griffin Park and will help maintain the grounds.

Hildreth said the board has done a good job raising private funds -\$86,000 -to bring two planes here and to restore them.

"But it is far more difficult to raise money to build the infrastructure," he said. "That is why we are here."

The Phantom is already in place and a six-month restoration is being under-



Aviation Heritage Park An artist's rendering shows the anticipated look of the Aviation Heritage Park at Basil Griffin Park on Three Springs Road

sity alumnus, the late Johnny Magda, who was a commander and flight taken of the F9F-5 Panther, the type leader for the Navy Blue Angels. A

flown by a Western Kentucky Univer- decade in the service ended when Magda was shot down during the Korean War.

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Retailers hope for stimulus **SUCCESS**

Area businesses rolling out deals to allure customers but will the rebates be spent?

By AMEERAH CETAWAYO The Daily News

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Total Image Audio is one of many businesses locally anticipating the rollout of a federal stimulus package that will deliver checks of at least \$600 to \$1,300 to taxpayers in May – he's

got the sign to prove it. With signage that reads "Bush's Tax Relief Sale" on one side and advertising his products on the other, owner Marcellus Rowe said after nearly seven years of operations at 1340 U.S. 31-W By-Pass, he's weathered the ups and downs of the economy before – now it's

Inside GM reports \$38.7 billion loss - the largest ever for an auto company. Page 7A

time to see if people will spend. "(The economy) is bad. Something's got to give somewhere," Rowe said. "My numbers for January aren't where they were last year – they're down.'

His next door neighbor, Uzezes Wheels and Tires at 1406 US 31-W By-Pass, opened for business in late 2006 in the midst of slowing economy, and co-owner Carl Graham Jr. only has to look across the street to see the impact – a car lot that once stocked 30 or more cars now sits empty.

"What's carried us is our low prices and customer service," Graham said. "With this tax rebate, it's a perfect time for car clubs to come in and take advantage of it."

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Bush offers program to help relieve homeowners

By MARTIN CRUTSINGER The Associated Press

WASHINGTON - The Bush administration, trying to deal with a worsening housing slump, announced a new initiative today aimed at helping homeowners about to lose their homes. For qualified homeowners, it will put the foreclosure process on hold for 30 days.

Dubbed "Project Lifeline," the new program will be available to people who have taken out all types of mortgages, not just the high-cost subprime loans that have been the focus on previous relief efforts.

The program was put together by six of the nation's largest financial institutions, which service almost 50 percent of the nation's mortgages.

These lenders say they will contact homeowners who are 90 or more days overdue on their monthly mortgage payments. They will be given the opportunity to put the foreclosure process on pause for 30 days while the lenders try to work out a way to make the mortgage more affordable to the homeowner.

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